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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Rents Outcry

THE public outcry against the recommendations of the Rents Committee has reached anticipated proportions. It has also followed expected lines. The chief arguments are that the recommendations offer consideration only to the landlords; that if they are implemented severe hardship will be suffered by tenants and that the community's economic stability will be undermined. It is a dark and frightening picture which the opponents of the Report succeed in drawing, but it is not one that will be unanimously accepted. Much depends on to what extent Government is prepared to be influenced by the protests raised. Only the most biased will deny that the Committee's report contains some sound reasoning, or that it is an honest effort to deal with a complex problem. It is not suggested that because of this all the recommendations must be accepted and made effective. The path is still open for a reasonable compromise and it is to this which Government could fairly direct attention.

THE principle that the interests of the majority must not be sacrificed to those of the minority remains good, yet both sections have legitimate claims which, as far as possible, have to be respected. An objective approach to the question makes it difficult to deny that landlords whose premises are controlled possess a fair claim to increased standard rentals. Assuming this to be acceptable, the all-important question is the amount which an approved increase should take. The suggested 50 per cent will be deemed too much. It would be, undoubtedly, a substantial burden on the "white collar class" whose incomes fall within the middle and below middle categories. Government could, with fairness to all parties, approve of an increase of 25 to 30 per cent, with the proviso that the situation be reviewed a year later.

IT is indisputable that the economic welfare of the community as a whole must be kept constantly in mind and that everything must be done to cushion any adverse effects which events, and circumstances may impose on the Colony's economic stability. Nevertheless, it is very easy to exaggerate the effect of higher rentals on the daily lives of the people. This is particularly so in the case of sub-tenants, whose interests the Committee has gone to considerable lengths to safeguard. It is to be observed, for example, that so far as the Committee is concerned, it is prerequisite for an increase in rents that an official department be established and charged with the sole duty of seeing that occupants of domestic premises are not exploited either by landlords or principal tenants under the proposed revisions of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance; further that sub-tenants should not have to bear any of the increased rentals. The point appears to have been lost by the critics of the Report, yet it is one of prime importance, and has to be recognised as a fundamental recommendation. The Committee's proposals can bear examination by Government, and some certainly lend themselves to modification.

Buenos Aires Bomb Outrages: 2 Doctors Confess

PROMINENT SOCIALITES ARRESTED

Buenos Aires, May 4.

Two young Argentine doctors have confessed to terrorist activities and said they placed three of the score of bombs which have shaken Buenos Aires in the last few weeks, police said here today.

The doctors, Jorge Firmit Lamas and Francisco Juan Maria Elizalde, both 30, were arrested in connection with an attempt to put a bomb in the car of the Argentine Foreign Minister Senor Jeronimo Remorino last Saturday.

Police said they confessed that they placed the bomb which exploded at a railway station minutes after President Juan Peron returned from a trip to Chile on March 2.

They were also said to have admitted placing a bomb at the Army Club on April 25 and one which exploded near Congress while President Peron was delivering his State of the Nation speech on May Day.

Police said that the two men who had actually tried to place the bomb in Senor Remorino's car were Vicente Centurion, 32-year-old manufacturer and a member of the Conservative Party and Patricio Mario Cullen, 23, of the Democratic Party. The car they used belonged to Mario Tomkinson de Christ.

'Infuriated' By Gen.'s Air Sorties

Washington, May 4.

Several top Air Force generals, many of them with extensive combat records, said today that they were infuriated about Lt. Gen. Glenn O. Barcus' combat sorties against the Communists in Korea.

Officially the Air Force professed to take a detached view. A Headquarters spokesman said there was no more concern over General Barcus than over any other American combat pilot.

Privately, however, it was learned that some top Air Force officials were angry because their three-star colleague, in possession of vital information as commander of the Fifth Air Force, had exposed himself to danger.

There is no general regulation forbidding combat command generals from flying against the enemy, but one general said, "It is frowned on unless it makes sense."

Air Force Headquarters claimed it did not know, until the news broke in Seoul yesterday, that the 48-year-old Barcus had been piloting his Sabre jet fighter in combat and taunting the Reds by proclaiming his identity over the radio.

The feeling here was that General Barcus did not have to fly as a morale booster because the spirit of his command was very good, that he was past the age of high alertness required to handle the speedy Sabres most effectively, and that to identify himself as a commanding general was merely to invite more trouble in the event that he should be captured.—United Press.

21-Year-Old Theft Admitted

Liverpool, May 4.

John Nichol Martin, a 45-year-old mechanic of no fixed abode, appeared in a Liverpool Court today charged with the theft 21 years ago of a saw and other goods valued at £10.6. The Prosecutor said Martin was arrested for the offence in 1932, but failed to surrender to his bail. On April 24, this year, Martin surrendered to the Manchester Police. Martin who pleaded guilty today was given an absolute discharge.—Reuter.

23-year-old society woman, the police said. Fifteen sticks of gelignite were found inside it.

Police said the arrest of these two men put them on the track of the "terrorist" movement. The arrest of Senora de Christopherson led to the detention of Dr Elizalde and Dr Lamas. All three are well known in Argentine society.

According to the police, the two doctors were shadowing their companions when the unsuccessful attempt against Senor Remorino was made. They fled in their own car, throwing out two unexploded bombs which were later found in a building in the course of construction, the police said.

They were later arrested at their homes. A police spokesman expressed the view that no political party as such was involved in the "outrages," but that the authorities were facing a well-organized pyramidal organisation with the central command of the top not known to the plotters lower down whose role was that of action.

The police added that a number of Argentine "ligariches" were involved in the conspiracy. The latest police action was the seizure of a quantity of explosives, arms and pamphlets, he said.—Reuter.

No Longer Require Loan Of Planes

London, May 4.

The French Government has in effect, withdrawn its request to Britain for urgent supply of transport aircraft to help them the Communist advance in Laos.

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COMET DISASTER VICTIMS TO BE BURIED TODAY

Calcutta, May 4.

Victims of Saturday's Comet crash in which 43 people perished will be buried here tomorrow—some of them in coffins bearing no names because they cannot be identified.

British Overseas Airways Corporation announced it was arranging the funeral of all except those whose relatives wished to make private arrangements. Christians are to be buried at Tollygunj Cemetery, South Calcutta.

Dulles' Warning To Congress

Washington, May 4.

Mr John Foster Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, warned the Congress today that if the present Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act were allowed to lapse, it would be interpreted abroad as an abandonment by the United States of its present trade policies.

He appeared before a House Committee to oppose new high tariff legislation which the Committee was studying.

The House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee was studying the Simpson Bill to extend the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act for one year.

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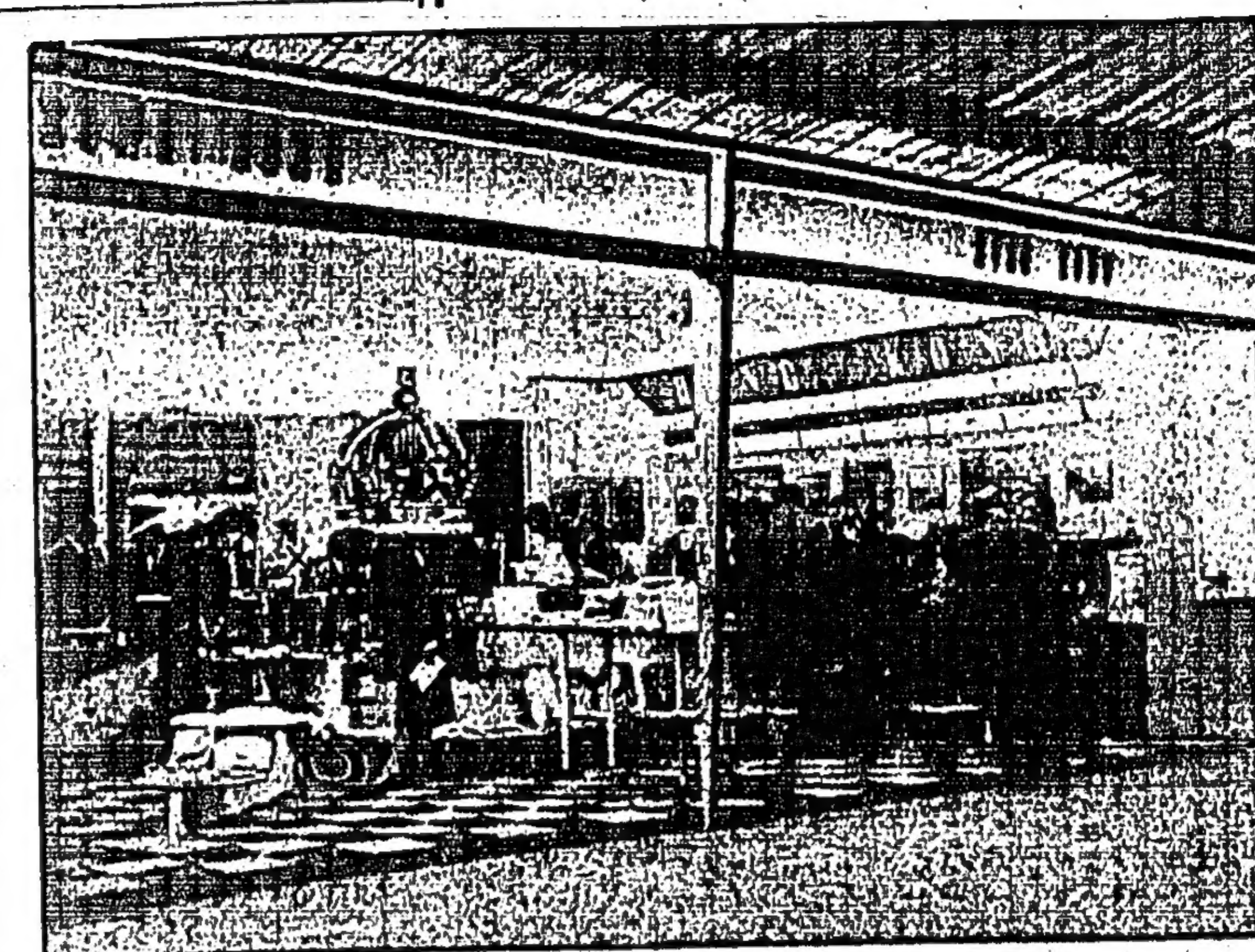
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The Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, referring in the House of Commons today to the Communist invasion of the French Indo-China state of Laos, said: "We are watching these events but our resources are limited and our obligations are very widespread."—Reuter.

Hongkong At British Industries Fair



This picture illustrates the interest which buyers have been showing in Hongkong products at the British Industries Fair. The Hongkong stand has been extremely busy since the opening of the Fair. The attractiveness of the display can be gauged by the above photograph.—London Express picture. (More pictures on the back page)

Seretse Khama's Successor

His Sister Is Nominated

Serowe, May 4.

Seretse Khama's sister Uretele was one of two people nominated at a Bamangwato Kgotla (tribal meeting) here today to succeed him as tribal chief.

The other nominated for the chieftainship in place of Seretse was his brother-in-law, a London girl, was Rasobala of Kgama, former chief lieutenant of Regent Tshekedi Khama and third in line of succession.

Seretse Khama was banished by the British Colonial Office after his marriage in 1950 to London to an English girl, Miss Ruth Williams. He is now living near London with his wife and two children.

Talks on naming a new chief began last year, but were adjourned, as many members of the tribe refused to name a chief while Seretse Khama is alive.

The district Commissioner and Resident Native Authority Mr Gordon Batho, presided at the Kgotla.

He told tribesmen it was useless to nominate Seretse or his children to be chief and foolish to believe those who said Seretse would return.

Serogholo, senior uncle to Seretse Khama, nominated Rasobala, and was supported by three other royal uncles.

Another speaker nominated Uretele. Her appointment to the chieftainship would enable Seretse to return to the Bamangwato Reserve, he said.

Uretele, a half sister of Seretse Khama, is a childless widow in her fifties.

Seretse Khama, banished former chief of the Bamangwato tribe, said at his home in Surrey tonight: "As long as the will of the people is truly observed I am content."

He said he could not comment on his sister's nomination until he knew what happened at the Kgotla and who nominated her.—Reuter.

"MISS UNIVERSE" MARRIES

Romance With Wealthy Young Filipino

Tokyo, May 5.

The "Miss Universe" of 1952, Finnish beauty Armi Kuusela, was married to 25-year-old Virgilio Hilario, a wealthy Filipino, here on Monday.

The marriage took place in Tokyo's St Ignatius Catholic Church and was a closely guarded secret with only two witnesses present—the bride's sister Mrs Irma Kyromies as the matron of honour and Robert Villanueva, vice-President of the Chronicle publications and President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce International.

Father Bruno Bitter performed the ceremony which climaxed a one-month whirlwind romance which started in the Philippine pine city of Baguio.

Congressman Eulogio Rodriguez Junior of Baguio, in which province Hilario has extensive real estate holdings, and Mrs Sergio Osmena, wife of the former Philippine President, acted as sponsors in absentia.

Very few in the St Ignatius church noticed that the 1952 Miss Universe was being married.

During the ceremony, the bride wore a blue nylon lace gown and had a small bouquet of roses.

US HONEYMOON

According to Mr Villanueva, Miss Kuusela is to continue her trip on Wednesday to Honolulu while the bridegroom is scheduled to return to Manila this week. He will then fly to Honolulu and together they will spend their honeymoon in the United States. They plan to return to Manila, where they will make their home in the old Hilario family residence in Manila's residential district of Ermita.

Mr Villanueva reported Armi as extremely happy over prospects of making her home in Manila. He quoted her as saying, "I love the Philippines, and I have many friends there. I had never imagined I should marry a Filipino, but you can tell the people in Manila how crazy I am about Virgilio."

Mr Villanueva said the couple had originally decided to get married on Armi's 19th birthday on August 20, and to that end Hilario had given Armi last May 13 three-karat diamond ring. He said the couple unexpectedly changed their minds—early—yesterday morning.

A Helsinki dispatch reported that the parents of Miss Armi Kuusela were "completely astonished" today after learning from United Press about the marriage of their daughter to a Filipino in Tokyo.

Armi's mother who lives in Muenchen, where her husband is a shopkeeper, answered the phone and said that she was completely astonished at the news and that she "wondered about the haste."

Virgilio is the youngest son of the late Dr and Mrs Jose M. Hilario of Manila and San Mateo.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRES

Paris, May 4.

Fire raged today in a dump of 20,000 tons of old rubber tires at Colombes, a northwest suburb of Paris, halting trains on a nearby main line.

Three hundred Paris policemen cordoned off the danger zone while firemen battled flames leaping over 90 feet in the air, advancing along a 600 feet front, darkening the sky with thick black smoke.

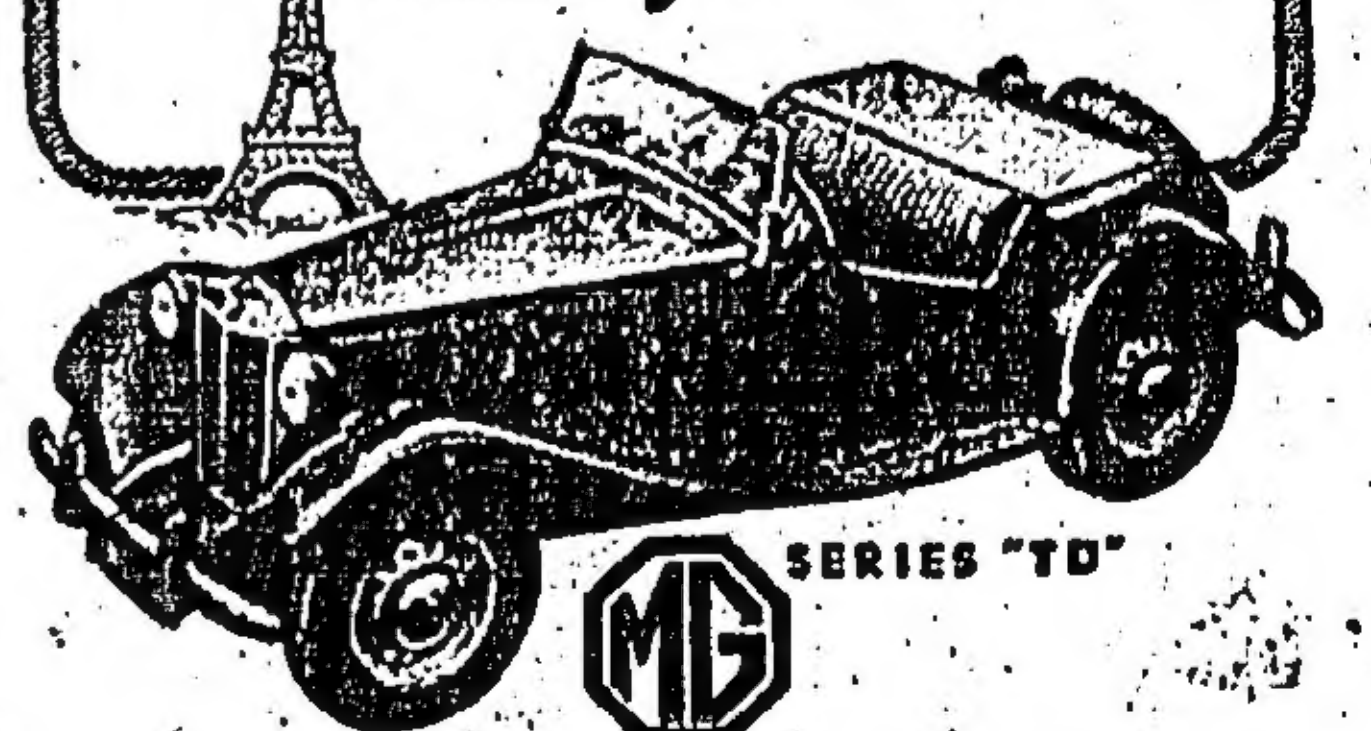
The tyre dump covers an area of 300,000 square feet.—Reuter.

A Passo 500,000 fire razed four blocks in Cebu City early today rendering more than 4,000 homeless and destroying about 400 houses of light material.

Two children were reported missing.

The police were this morning investigating a shamoopee factory owned by a Chinese establishment this fire was believed to have started.—Reuter.

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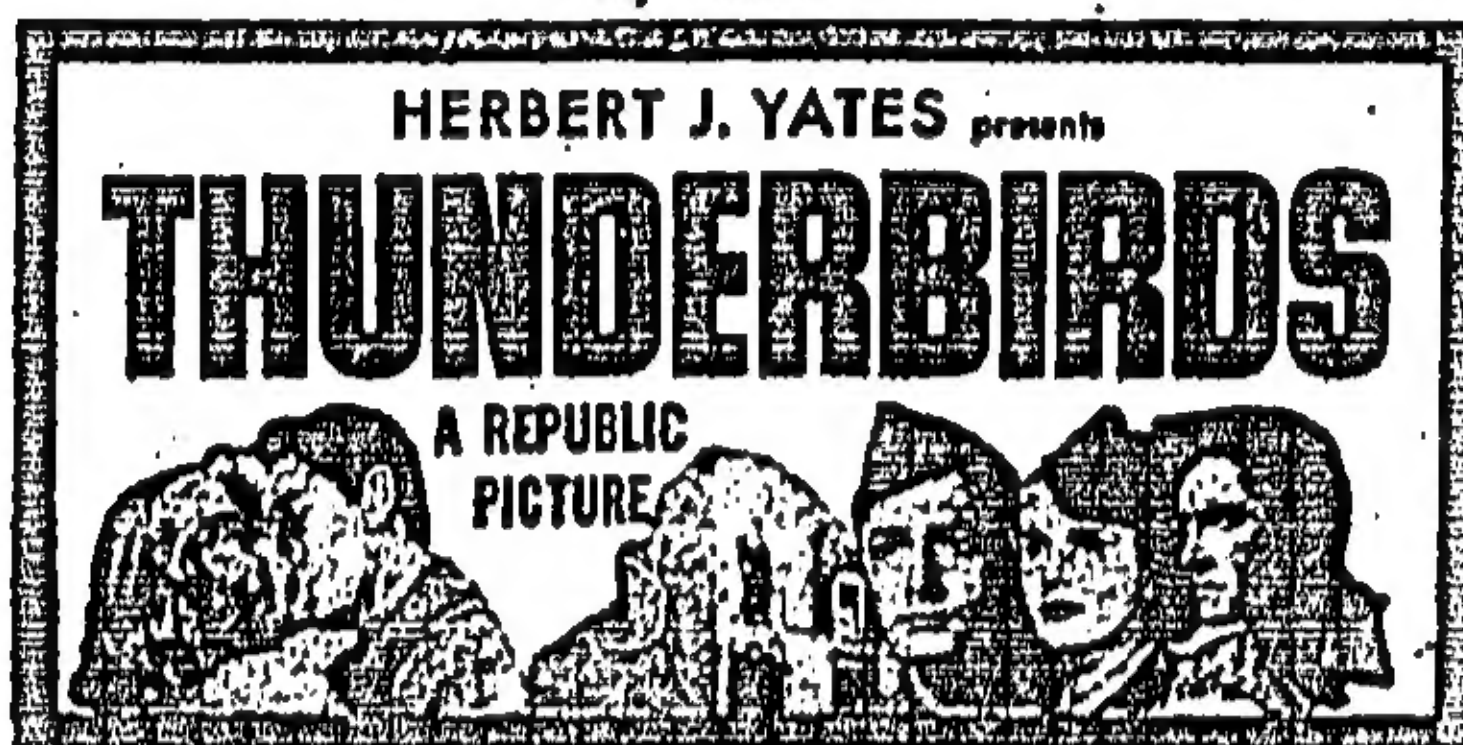
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Commissioner Herbert Lord of the Salvation Army, followed by Mr. George Blake, British Vice-Consul at Seoul, and two of the released men from North Korea, smiling excitedly as they see relatives waiting to greet them on their arrival at Abingdon, England.—Express Photo.

Budapest Claims Successful First Five-Year Plan

Budapest, May 4.

Hungary will complete its first Five-Year Plan by the end of 1954, but a Government announcement revealed that blueprints of the second Plan will be ready much sooner.

The regime used the opportunity of parliamentary elections, scheduled for May 17, to disclose some details about this second plan. The appeal to voters to support the Government's candidates contained some reference and figures concerning both the first and second plans.

The statement that some targets of the first Five-Year Plan were actually reached in three years is interesting, but not surprising.

The regime planned, for instance, to invest 35,000,000,000 forints (about US\$3,000,000,000) in the five years from 1949 through 1954, but the annual budgets, usually approved by Parliament in December, re-

vealed that, in fact, 40,000,000,000 (US\$3,300,000,000) were invested during the first three years of this period.

Other figures concerning production have not been made public.

Although far from complete, the figures concern the most important industries, on which practically all others depend. They contend that the five-year target of the coal, steel and electric power industries had been reached in three years. Here are the details:

STEEL OUTPUT

Steel—800,000 tons to be raised to 1,500,000 tons by the end of 1954. Fulfilled in 1952.

Coal—Against the 1949 output of 11,800,000 tons, 18,000,000 tons to be produced by the end of the five-year period. Actually, in 1952 Hungarian mines produced 18,800,000 tons of coal.

Electric power—2,200,000,000 kilowatts to be raised to 4,200,000,000 kilowatts. This goal was also reached in three years.

The most interesting thing about the coal and steel figures is that the everyday reader of Hungarian papers was justified in believing that these two industries always lagged behind their plans. The fact that both industries are now reported to have fulfilled their five-year plan in three years seems to indicate that there is nothing basically wrong.—United Press.

RAILWAYS BEAT AIRLINES

London, May 4.

Early train from Southern Europe is not likely to be slow to this country this year, as in the past.

In the first few years after the war charter companies did a lot of work on the "fruit run" from Italy and the South of France. But better rail facilities on the Continent have caused this air traffic to fade out, say the charter brokers.

Bicycle Girl For Africa

London, May 4.

Off to Africa—with a bicycle—is 25-year-old Miss Valerie Wild, of Athenian Road, Nunhead, who is to supervise a chain of small missionary schools in Nyasaland.

Miss Wild, a teacher at St John's School, Walworth, appeared through the parish magazine of St Silas's, Nunhead, of which she is a member, for a secondhand bicycle. Now she has one.

"It will have to stand a lot of wear and tear, for the roads are very rough," she said. Her schools will be spread over an area of 40 miles.

She will do a tour of 2½ years, of small native teachers. Miss Wild has always wanted to be a missionary, but had to wait until she was 25 before getting an appointment.

AUSTRALIA TO ESTABLISH BASE IN ANTARCTIC

Sydney, May 4.

The Australian flag will fly from a permanent station on Antarctica by January 1954.

Australia's External Affairs Minister, Mr Richard Casey, announced that a group of nine scientists would leave Melbourne next December to set up Australia's first full-time outpost on the frozen wastes surrounding the South Pole.

The group to form the expedition will be composed of veterans from Heard and Macquarie Islands—two sub-Antarctic sentinels established by Australia since World War II.

In the light of modern science and the importance of strategic material, Antarctica has now taken on a vital aspect. Through exploitation of her Antarctic area Australia could:

1.—Eventually tap the region's coal reserves—estimated as second only to those of North America. Traces of copper, iron, silver, gold, lead, uranium—have been discovered.

2.—Explore the claims of radio scientists that Antarctic research could advance world-wide radio communications.

AIR BASE

3.—Gather weather information to enable the forecasting of weather changes months ahead for countries thousands of miles away.

4.—Develop the territory's food resources—from whales, fish, seals, birds and plankton.

5.—Establish an air base which would bring Australia considerably closer to South Africa and in time create an air link between South Africa and South America.

Australia has kept up her interest in the Antarctic in recent years by sending official observers with the 1949 and 1952 French expeditions to Adelle Land—a small sliver of territory inside Australia's giant portion.

An Australian observer also accompanied the joint post-war Norwegian-British-Swedish expedition to Queen Maud Land.

BIG TASK

Australia's first permanent Antarctic station will probably go up in that part of its Antarctic territory south-west of Western Australia. But the exact location still remains to be determined.

During the first year, the small initial party will erect living quarters, radio and meteorological huts and other buildings which will form the "settlement."

One of the first big tasks will also be to identify all landmarks within 300 miles of the base.

A larger scientific detachment will, according to present plans, follow in the second year with more elaborate equipment.

In his outline of the expedition's aims and purpose, Mr Casey said:

"For us to neglect the Antarctic could be as serious as if our forefathers had confined themselves to a small strip of coastal settlement in Australia and left it to others to develop the resources of the rest of our Continent."—United Press.

Pakistan Cotton Exports

Karachi, May 4.

According to a survey by the Ministry of Commerce, Pakistan exports of cotton to countries, excluding India, nearly reached the pre-war level of 12,000,000 bales.

At present, United Kingdom purchases of Pakistan cotton amounted to 89,000 bales but the Ministry of Commerce suggests that the United Kingdom should be approached with a view to increasing purchases of Pakistan cotton.—France-Press.

SUCCESSFUL BID FROM FRANCE

Paris, May 4.

A tender for electrical equipment for the power station of Ambukla (Philippines) was awarded to the French company, "Neyric," despite strong competition from British, Italian, German, American and Japanese firms.

The French company will deliver three hydraulic turbines and three regulatory as well as all necessary accessories and spare parts.—Reuter.

Queen's Gift To Hamburg

London, May 4.

Four Royal swans, two of each sex, will fly from London to Hamburg next Saturday in a Vickers Viscount turbo-prop aircraft and accompanied by Mr. Ivor Dick Park, the Queen's Swankeeper.

The Queen has given the swans to Hamburg to mark the City's horticultural exhibition. In Britain they are Royal birds and enjoy special protection.—Reuter.

Returned To Free Enterprise

Copper Market In London To Reopen

London, May 4.

Trading in copper, a vital industrial metal, will be restored to free enterprise on August 5, the Government announced today.

Copper has been imported into Britain and distributed by the Government ever since the last war began.

The London copper market, closed in 1939, will reopen on August 5.

The bulk of Britain's copper comes from the Rhodesian mines and most of the rest from Canadian producers. The Ministry of Materials buys it under long-term contracts.

Sir Arthur Salter, Minister of Materials, after telling the House of Commons copper would be decontrolled, said:

"The necessary notice is being given today to the Commonwealth producers that as from August 5 the private import and sale of copper will be permitted and the Copper Distribution Order revoked."

"The present occasion is an appropriate one for me to acknowledge the co-operation of Commonwealth producers who had supplied Britain throughout the long period of public trading and will, I am sure, continue to do so under the new arrangements."

Decontrolled copper this August or thereabouts had been widely expected in the trade. In preparation for the move, the Ministry of Materials late last month cut the ceiling price to British consumers by £27 to £253 per long ton.

Copper is the "biggest" of the Big Four "non-ferrous metals." (Tin, lead and zinc are the others.) Its decontrol will bring the London metal exchange back into full operation. Tin was controlled in 1949, lead and zinc last year.—Reuter.

Mrs Gandhi To Visit Moscow

London, May 4.

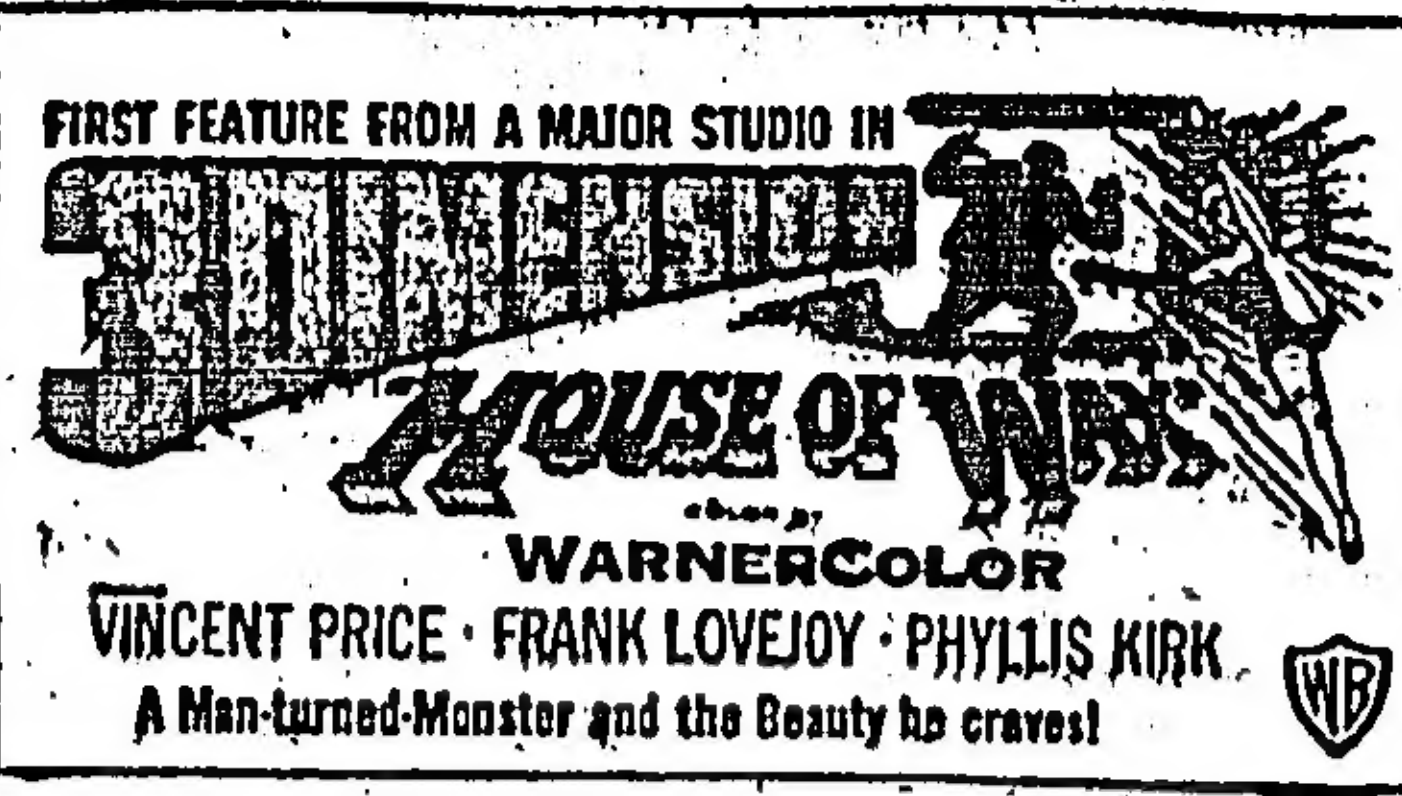
Mrs Indira Gandhi, daughter of the Indian Prime Minister, is to visit Moscow at the invitation of the Indian Ambassador, Mr. K. P. Menon.

Mrs Gandhi, who arrived in Britain yesterday, will go to Russia after Queen Elizabeth's Coronation on June 2. She will in the meantime make a brief visit to Switzerland where her two sons are at school.

Her father, Mr. Nehru, will also be in London for the Coronation and the subsequent Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference.—Reuter.

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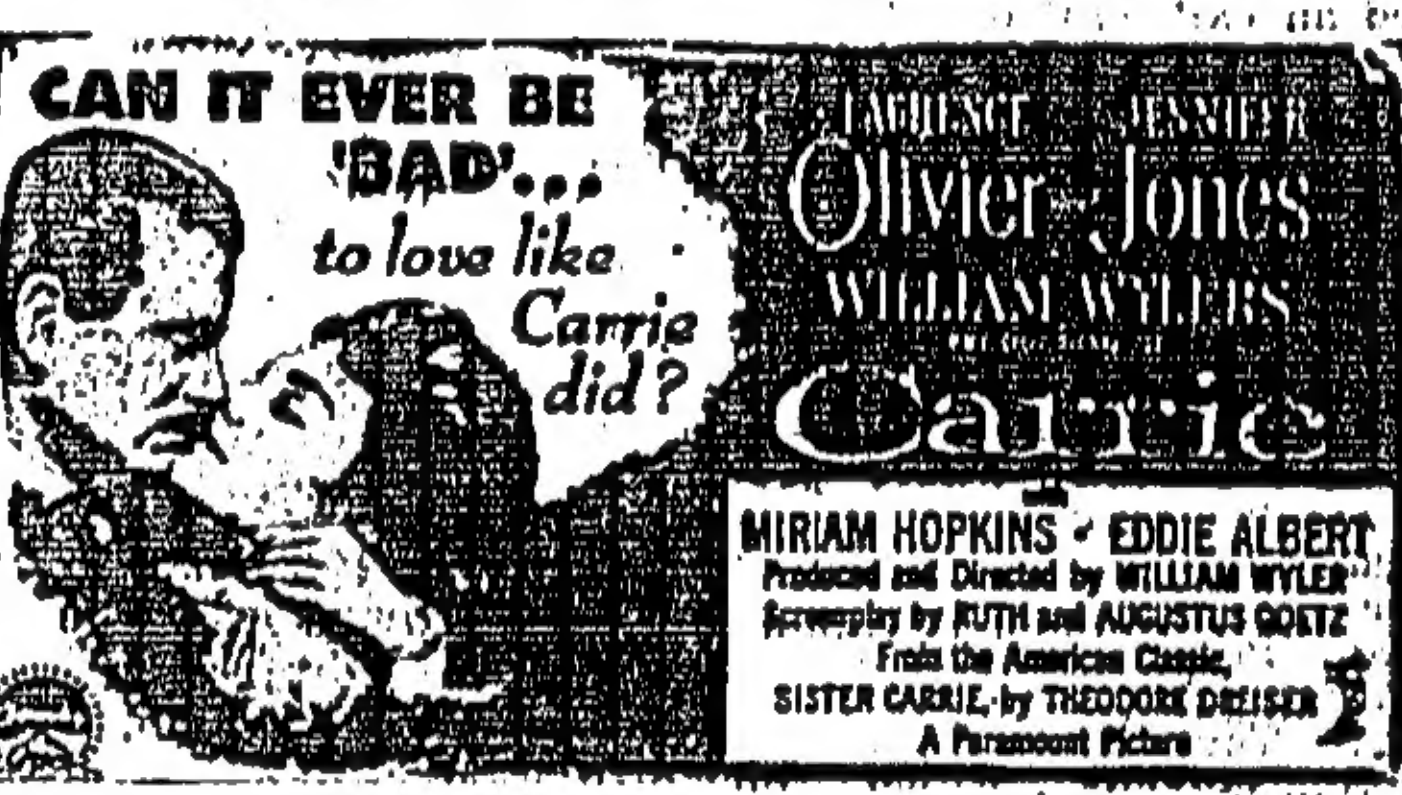


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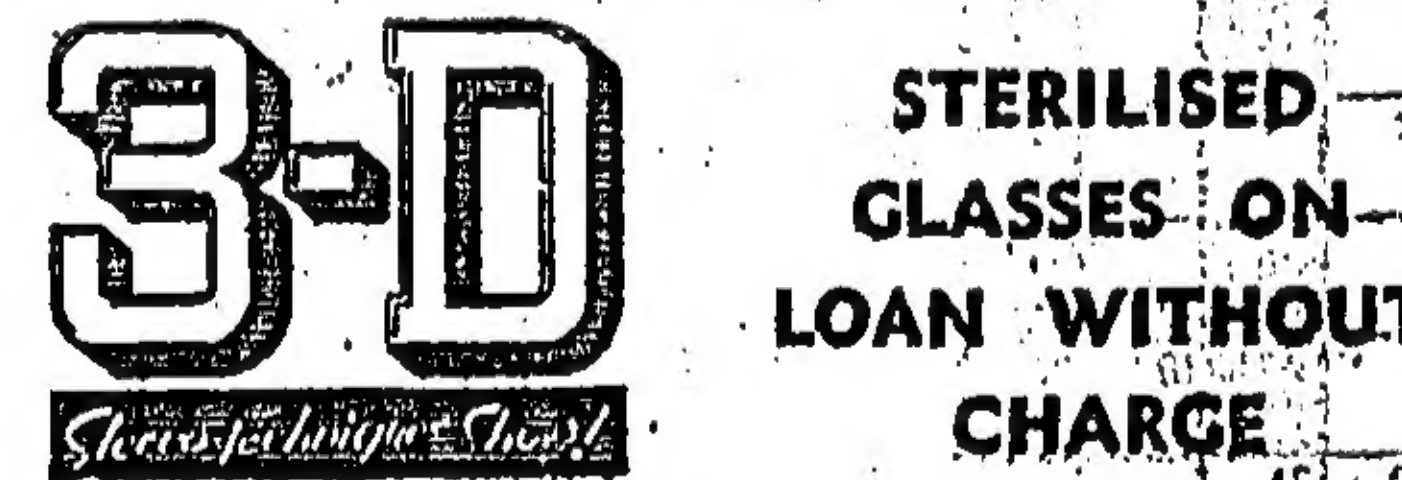
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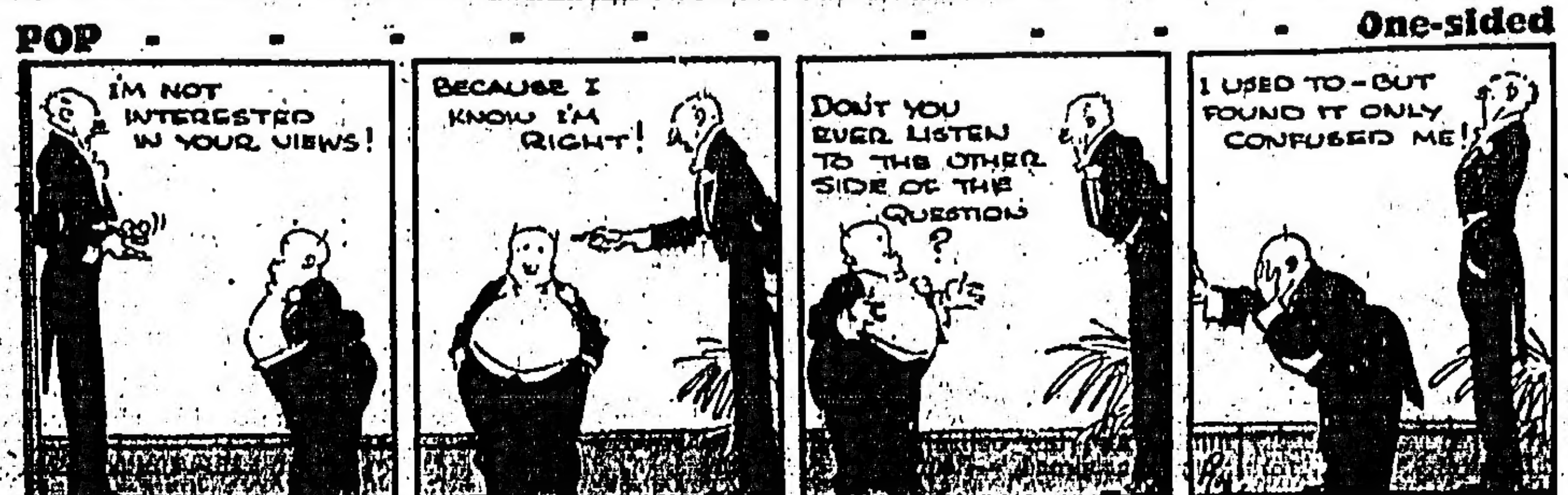
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ANOTHER ECLIPSE FOR GAULLISTS

Paris, May 4.

Interior Ministry officials today waded through a mass of statistics on Sunday's second round of local elections which confirmed the triumph of M. Antoine Pinay's Moderate Conservatives and the eclipse of the Gaullists shown in the first round on April 26.

Second round elections were held in all towns of fewer than 9,000 inhabitants where no candidate won an absolute majority on April 26.

It was open to candidates to form alliances in the hope of garnering more votes in the second round when decision was by simple majority.

Figures were still too fragmentary for a full picture but the pattern of April 26 was clearly repeated.

The Communists remained the biggest party, the Socialists advanced, the Moderate Conservatives of M. Pinay (former "save the franc" Prime Minister) made a solid mark in their first organised municipal campaign.

The Gaullists, who swept the board in the last municipal elections in 1947, collapsed hopelessly.

The Socialists had spurned an invitation from the Communists to join forces in the second round polls, though local party groups entered into the alliance in some places.

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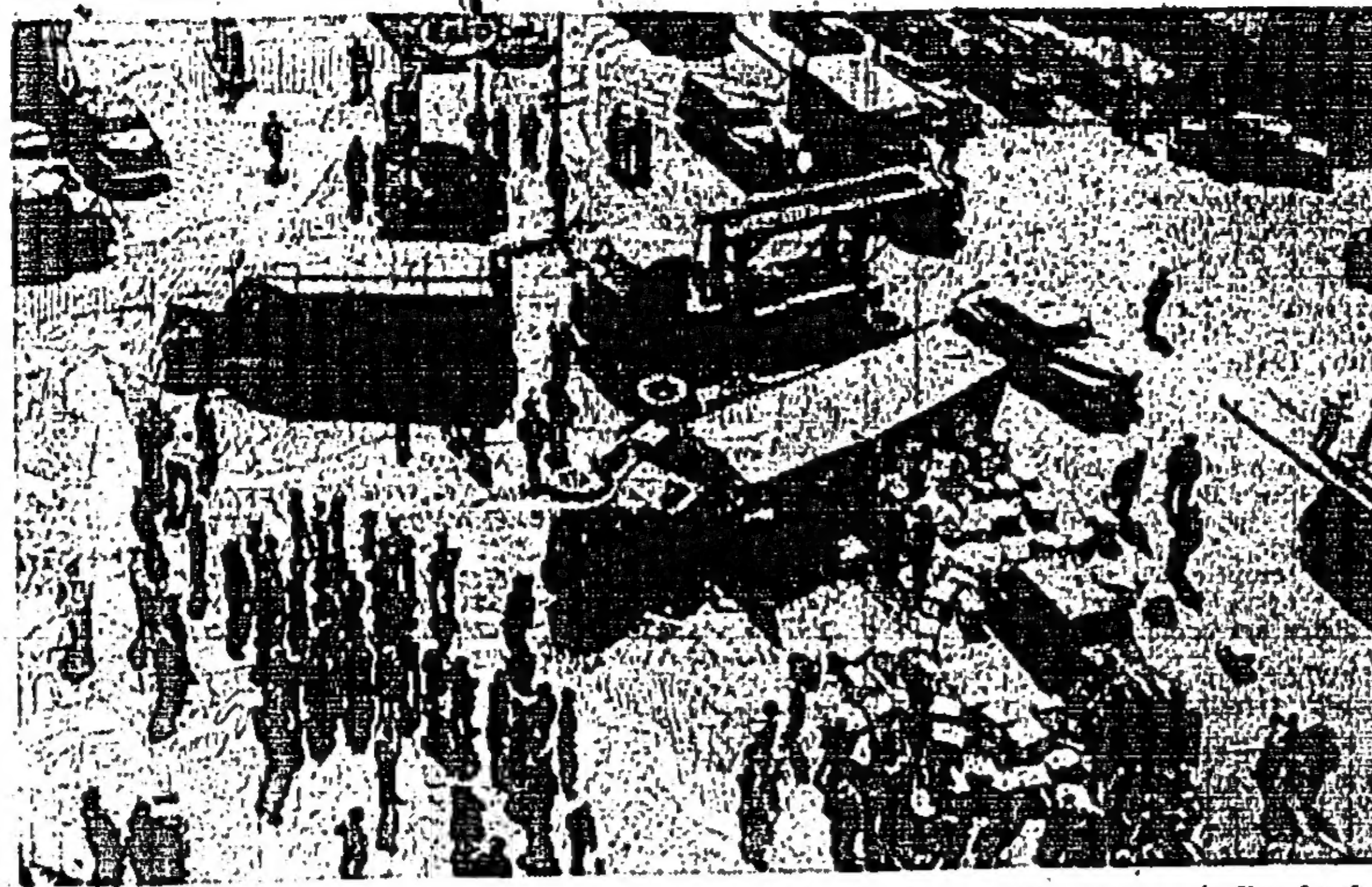
In one of them, the home town of President Vincent Auriol, the Communist-Socialist alliance was wiped out of the local council. The previous council had elected a Socialist mayor.

The Ministry of the Interior said complete results could not be expected for another 10 days. Counting and analysis were very complicated, with different systems in operation for big and little municipalities.

But on the partial figures known, French observers agreed that France has fallen back to traditional left and right line-ups to a greater extent than at any time since the war.

To sum up, the Communist vote was maintained, the Gaullists took a big setback, the Conservatives scored strongly, the Socialists and the Radicals gained to some extent and the Catholics held their own.

Reuter.



A strange accident happened on First Avenue, New York, recently, when a trailer truck with 15 tons of raw rubber bales overturned in avoiding a collision with a car. The bales bounced crazily all over the pavement and pedestrians ran wildly about trying to avoid them. One woman was chased by four heavy bales, all bouncing together, when she tripped over her shopping basket and the bales bounced over her head.—Express Photo.

Australian Economy Called Unrealistic By Experts

Melbourne, May 4.

Leading economists are uniting in a call for a new approach to Australia's present economy which, they say, is not realistic.

Research Service, an independent Sydney bureau which makes periodical surveys of the Australian scene, describes Australia, with her great dependence on one major export, wool, as among the most open and liable to economic shocks of any important nation in the world.

She is far more vulnerable than South Africa, Canada or New Zealand, yet according to Research Service, her foreign trade policy is largely left to its own devices.

Australian economists not connected with Research Service have supported the finding that faced with climate and primary commodity prices, the real economic detour industrialisation is not a means of stabilising income.

For instance, on the basis of current conditions, the Australian wool clip can vary within the limits of "normal probabilities" between £224,000,000 (£21,200,000 sterling) and £297,000,000 (£28,700,000 sterling). This reason's cheque is estimated to reach around £235,000,000 (£23,500,000 sterling).

In the boom year of 1950-51 it set a record of £265,000,000 (£26,500,000 sterling).

NORMAL VARIATIONS
Normally probable variations of price and clip volume could cause either a decline of £450,000,000 (£44,800,000 sterling) or an increase of £477,000,000 (£47,700,000 sterling) in Australia's trade balance.

These variations, as a result of accepted cumulative effects, could cause fluctuations of more than four per cent in the national income; a figure greater than is possible at full employment level in any one year from increased secondary activity, or other internal factors.

Thus, on a current national income of around £23,500,000,000.

Pulitzer Prize For Hemingway

New York, May 4.
Ernest Hemingway's novel, "The Old Man and the Sea," won the 1953 Pulitzer Prize award, it was announced today by Columbia University.

The awards marked the 36th year of the Pulitzer Prizes. Except for the drama award, they were for work completed or published in 1952.

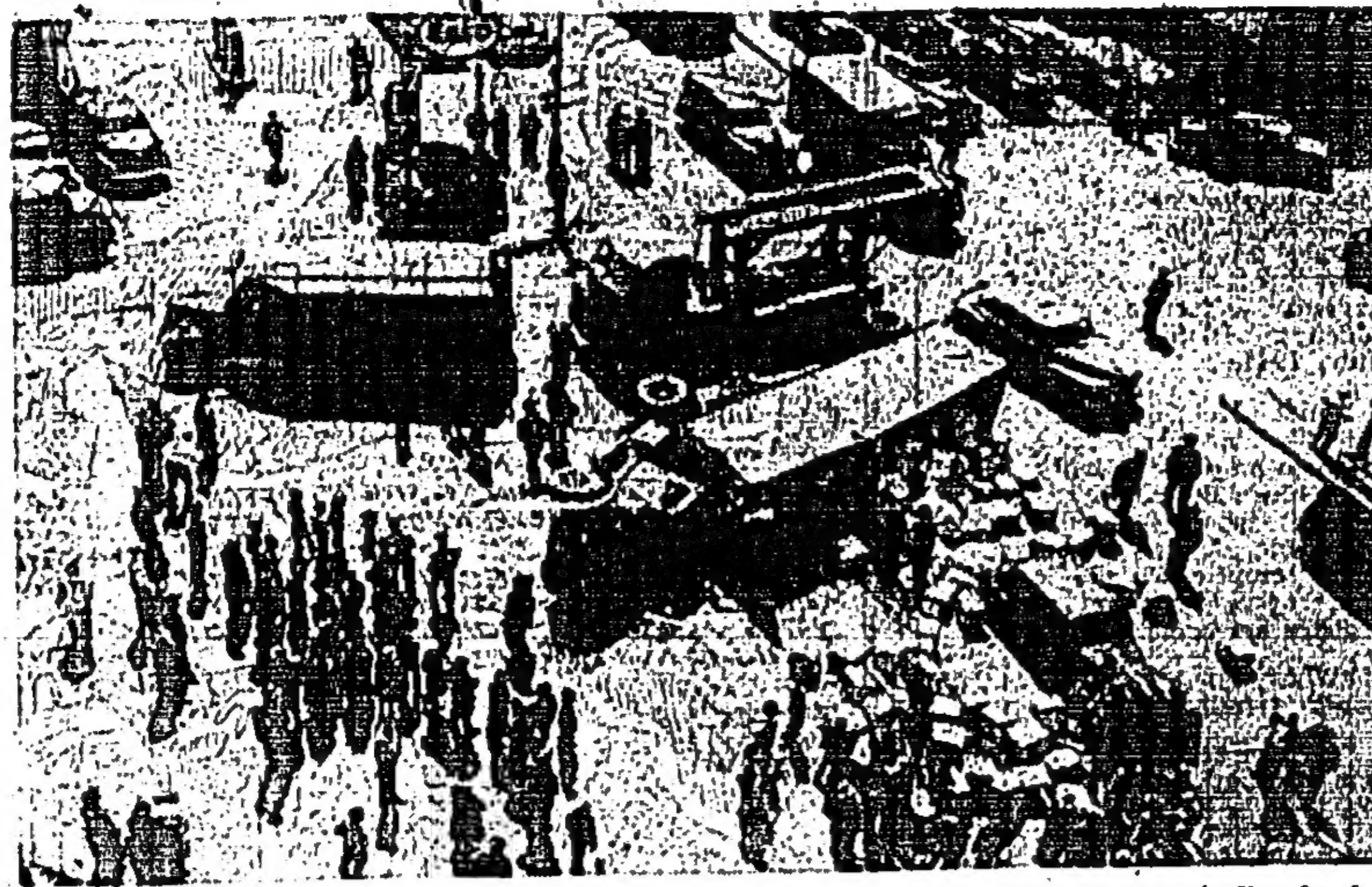
Other awards in the field of letters included: for a distinguished book on the history of the United States, "The Era of Good Feeling" by George Dangerfield, for a distinguished American biography or autobiography, "Edmund Pennington, 1721-1803" by David J. Mays; for a distinguished volume of verse, "Collected Poems 1917-1952" by Archibald MacLeish; United Press.

Norway's Fleet

Oslo, May 4.
The Norwegian merchant fleet in January this year totalled more than six million gross tons, according to official figures issued by the Norwegian Veritas.

Motor ships made up 4.7 million tons, and steam ships 1.3 million tons of the total gross tonnage. Vessels of under 100 tons are not included in the statistics.

Pedestrians Menaced By Bouncing Bales



A strange accident happened on First Avenue, New York, recently, when a trailer truck with 15 tons of raw rubber bales overturned in avoiding a collision with a car. The bales bounced crazily all over the pavement and pedestrians ran wildly about trying to avoid them. One woman was chased by four heavy bales, all bouncing together, when she tripped over her shopping basket and the bales bounced over her head.—Express Photo.

Four Million Israel's Aim

Sydney, May 4.

Mr. Berl Locker, co-chairman of the Jewish World Agency, said on arrival today that Israel wanted to build her population from her present 1,700,000 to a minimum of 4,000,000.

Mr. Locker said: "I have come to ask Jews here to open their hearts and pockets to help Israel."

He added he wanted Australian Jews to migrate to Israel.—Reuter.

UP TO ALL TO HELP BRITAIN

London, May 4.

Mr. Tom O'Brien, Socialist M.P. for North West Nottingham and chairman of the General Council of the British T.U.C., told the annual congress of the Scottish T.U.C. at Rothesay, Bute: "Whether industry is publicly or privately controlled or owned, it is everybody's job to help the nation to earn its living."

He said: "There are workers who think of efficiency as something to do with the boss but nothing to do with themselves. If they persist in such attitudes for long, then they will have to live on their own illusions. We are right in the middle of a period when we cannot afford inefficiency in management or low productivity in the workshop."

"We will only get by as a nation if we equipped to succeed, equipped with the right techniques to do the job, and most important of all, the right attitude of mind throughout industry."

MECHANICAL Brain In A Box
London, May 4.
Britain will soon have brains for sale—to help boost factory production by saving time. They will be delivered in a neat cabinet, 13ft. long by 17ft. 6in. tall.

The National Research and Development Corporation has paid £20,000 for the simple "brain" intended to demonstrate to big industrial firms just what it can do in the way of saving time and money.

Their prototype was demonstrated at the Physical Society exhibition at the Imperial College, South Kensington, the "brain" which can work out sums that would baffle a Senior Wrangler.

In seconds it can solve astronomical equations that would take a team of skilled mathematicians weeks to solve.

It can add or subtract 10,000 times a second, and multiplication finds simple at 100 sums a second.

The Corporation does not expect to sell many.

They plan to install "The Brain" in provincial centres so that firms who cannot afford £20,000 can use it on the instalment plan, paying as it works.

Catholics Tell Grim Stories Of Korean Ordeal

Paris, May 4.

An elderly blind nun of 14 repatriated French civilian internees told today of a forced march in North Korea during which she heard revolver shots after seriously wounded American soldiers failed to keep up.

Sister Marie Madeleine of the Carmelite Order, who went blind before her captivity, said during the 124-mile march through the snow in November 1950 they were never given anything to eat.

"The soldiers hustled us along the road prodding our ribs with their guns. They kept ordering us to walk faster."

"To stop meant certain death. The guards shot the stragglers out of hand."

The little nun added: "My stronger companions helped me along. I shall never forget their voices urging me to carry on."

Seriously injured American soldiers could not keep up with the pace. Revolver shots made me realise what was happening even before I was actually told."

Sister Marie Madeleine and the other French repatriates arrived here last night from Moscow and Berlin. Russia intervened with North Korea for their release.

ONLY SURVIVOR

Another of the released internees, the Rev. Celestin Coyos of the French Foreign Missions, told reporters he was the only survivor of the 14 French missionaries in Seoul.

The others, he said, died on the march or immediately afterwards from exhaustion or dysentery.

Father Coyos said the march lasted from October 28 to November 9, 1950.

"Catholicism no longer exists in North Korea," Fr. Coyos said. "In any case all North Korean Catholics who could escape fled south."

"All the missionaries have been arrested and all the Korean priests are either dead or in prison," he added.

WOMAN'S STORY

French authorities are investigating the case of a German woman, Carlotta Giese, 58, who arrived here with the French party.

"She explained that after being a governess in Tokyo she had married a Japanese civil servant in 1939. She was captured with her husband by the Russians in Manchuria in 1945."

After her husband's death she went to live in Seoul where she was detained by the North Koreans in 1950.

She said she had no family left in Germany and that she had posed as a French woman to avoid being sent to East Germany.—Reuter.

Jap Experts In Malaya

Singapore, May 4.

Five Japanese aluminium refining experts arrived here this evening for a 10-day inspection tour of bauxite mines in Malaya. They are to visit the State of Johore where bauxite production is being stepped up.

The team is composed of Mr. Tatsuo Minomura and Mr. Shogo Nakano, both of the Japan Light Metal Company, Mr. Katsumi Saito of Showa Denko, Mr. Minoru Takemoto of Sumiyama Chemical and Mr. Komei Otsuki of the Light Metal Refiners Association.

Mr. F. C. Maunder and Mr. Shinsai Shudo of E. Ott and Company, who are sponsoring the trip, accompanied them from Tokyo.—Reuter.

Sterling Area Surplus

London, May 4.

The sterling area had a surplus of US\$170,000,000 in its payments with the rest of the world in April, the Treasury announced today.

This brought the gold and dollar reserves to US\$2,275,000,000 at April 30.

The reserves are now at the highest level since the beginning of 1952, although much below the peak of US\$3,807,000,000 in the middle of 1951.

The huge losses which occurred afterwards brought the reserves down to the very low level of US\$1,002,000,000 by April 1952.

Last month's surplus is almost double the US\$83,000,000 gained in March, despite the fact that United States defence aid and payments from the European Payments Union were both lower in April.

Defence aid amounted to US\$20,000,000 compared with US\$20,000,000 in March. The European Payments Union—the clearing house for inter-West European Trade—paid Britain US\$11,000,000 compared with US\$10,000,000 in March.

The Treasury also announced that the sterling area's surplus with EPU was higher at £15,200,000 against £7,500,000 the previous month.

Another favourable development for the sterling area is that it has paid off the great bulk of Japan's sterling balance.

Since last July about as much of the sterling area's world surplus has been used to rebuild the dollar reserves. This has made sterling a hard currency for Japan.

Unless she can earn more sterling in the next few months she will have to buy sterling with dollars.—Reuter.

MISSION IN ENGLAND

London, May 4.

A Burmese mission has arrived to visit centres in England and Scotland to look over the rolling stock and road building equipment.

The mission will then go to France to see available railway equipment there and shallow draft rivercraft. Burma needs 80 of these rivercraft to carry passengers and freight.

The mission will then go to Western Germany, Belgium, Switzerland and Holland before returning to Burma on June 25, stopping on the way at Karachi.—France-Press.

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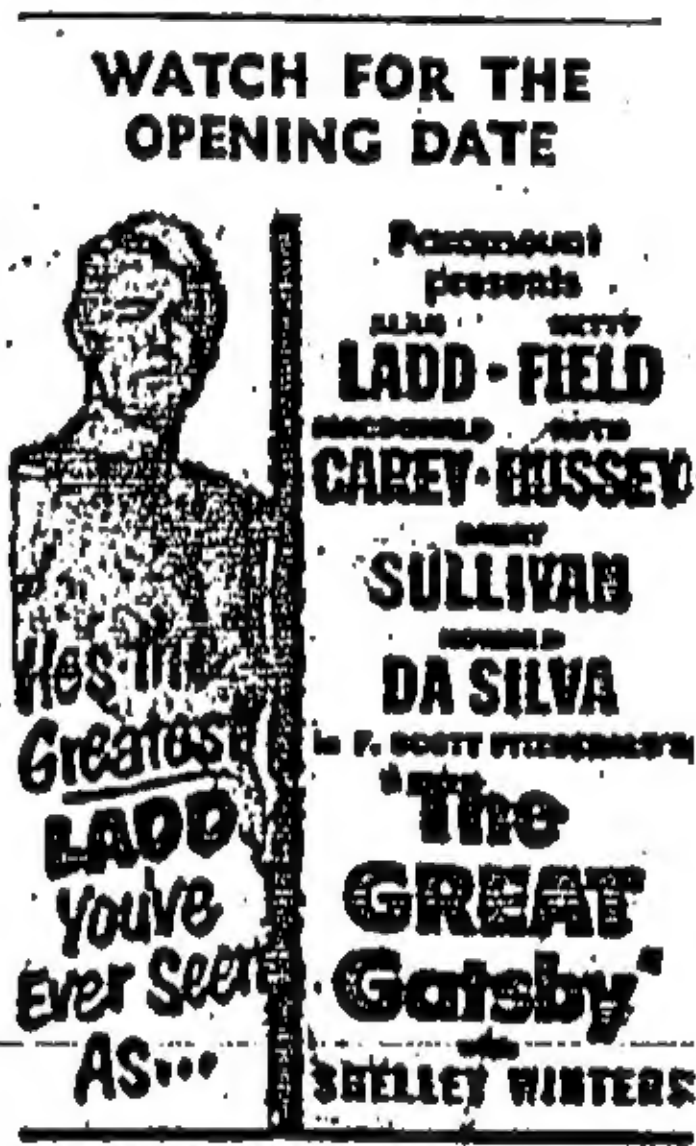
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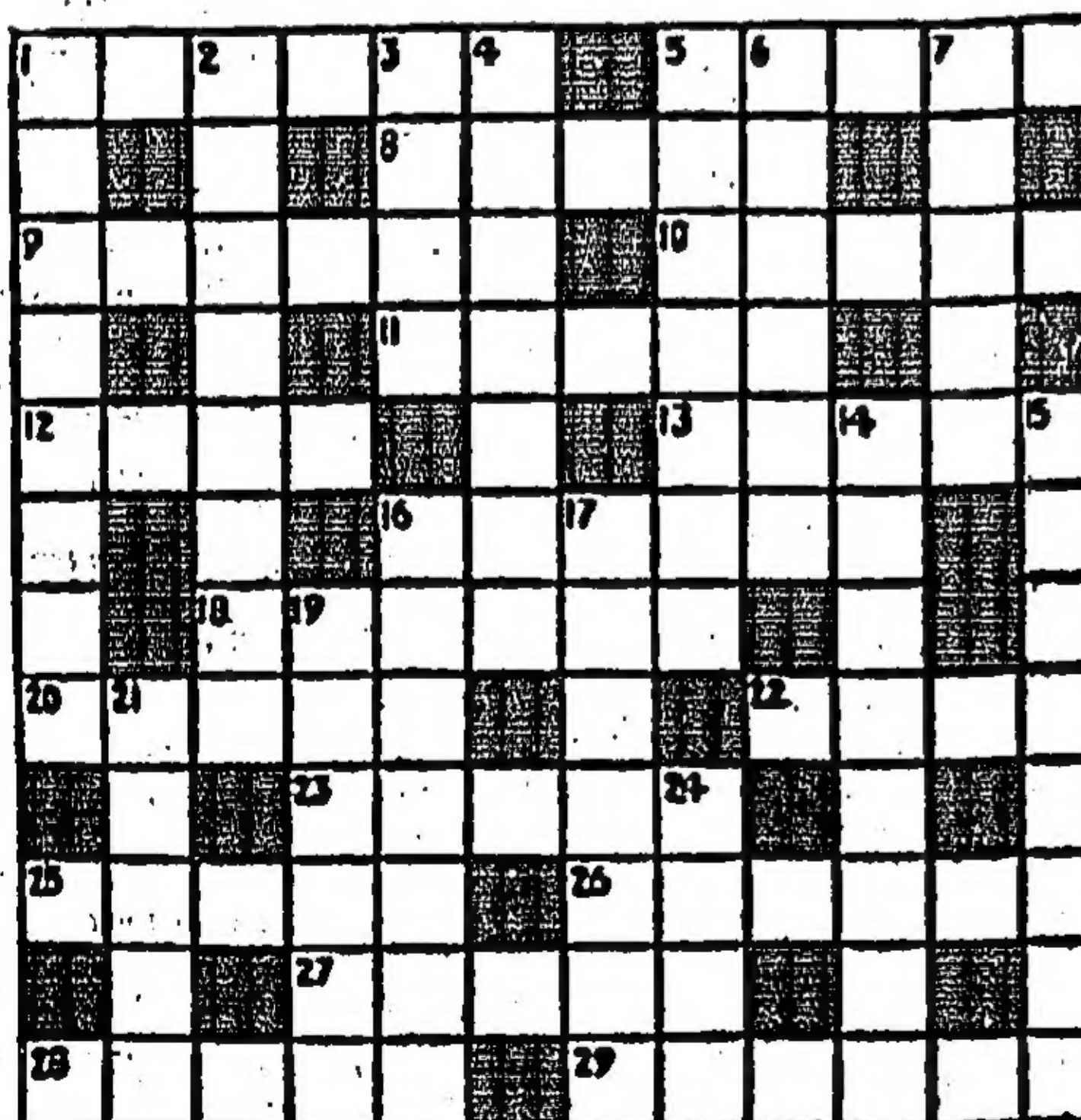
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A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Current (6).
 - Rascal (5).
 - Antic (5).
 - Mend (6).
 - Waterways (5).
 - Finger (5).
 - Den (4).
 - Attitudes (5).
 - Wilderness (6).
 - Worships (6).
 - Believed (5).
 - Drain (4).
 - Snake (5).
 - Vestige (6).
 - Wanders afield (6).
 - Command (5).
 - Schemes (6).
 - Protect (6).
- DOWN**
- Vestment (8).
 - Exact copies (6).
 - Sailor (7).
 - Cookery instructions (7).
 - Eloquent speaker (8).
 - Custom (5).
 - Tussle (8).
 - Assumed (8).
 - Trembles (7).
 - Cut apart (7).
 - Cloric (6).
 - Month (5).
 - Uncommon (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD:—Across, 1 Drama, 4 Tramps, 9 Opioid, 10 Arise, 12 Ripped, 14 Senator, 17 Post, 18 Cereals, 20 Pirates, 22 Aces, 23 Settlers, 27 Serene, 29 Amuse, 30 Tongue, 31 Elects, 32 Strut. Down: 1 Dross, 2 Allen, 3 Alert, 5 Repp, 6 Midday, 8 Secants, 9 Diocese, 11 Repeat, 13 Present, 15 Epic, 16 Abner, 18 Slip, 20 Palace, 21 Residue, 24 Tease, 25 Eager, 28 Spin, 29 Rest.

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• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

A MUSIC critic with "integrity, awareness, and a sense of values"—(the new phrase which is *outraging* "vital, human, and dynamic")—once said of a critic: "Of course, nobody would pretend that it really does, as one understands the word 'singing'."

What will this critic have to say of the music which has been taught to play a tiny violin? I understand that the little maestro does not tick the instrument under his chin, but leaves it between his paws, and works on it more as though it were a "cell".

"Norman, do you hear a faint noise?" "Yes, Elsie, it seems to come from behind the wall." "And it is that infernal noise, practicing on his violin again."

Wisdom of the ages

"Possession," said the unit sentimentally, "is more than the law, when he had watched a bag of gold from a merchant. 'If that is the kind of law,' he said, 'the merchant, there is the truth point.' And he knocked him on the head with a mallet, and left him senseless." (Shakespeare—*As You Like It*).

Your car and Suet
C. SUET, Esq., gave more details yesterday of his scheme for underpinning garages and car-parks. He made it clear that the ramps on different levels, each turning slowly round in a circle, would be connected by cut-in sections of over-level and under-level slopes, each facing the entrance and exit, and each level, and connected by interior and exterior ramps, with a turnabout half-way up the extended curve of the double-track check-points connected with the transverse runways between the outgoing and ingoing lanes. Otherwise, concluded Suet, there would be chaos.

Mrs Rumpus
How can I forget her? In my mind, I see her. You have heard of Mrs. Rumpus. "Come back, Mrs. Rumpus!" "But there's no reply." "When my uncle was close, with that damnable boulder impeding on her nose." Chorus: Singing ratty-dandy-diddy-do. And ratty-dandy-diddy-do.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, MAY 5

BORN today, you have a good head for figures and all mathematical problems are played by you. You should do well in business. You are the type to like mental gymnastics, puzzles, cryptograms—anything that gives your brain a workout. Your memory is phenomenal and this should be put to work for you in your profession. You also have a vivid imagination which, if combined with your latent mechanical ability, might encourage you to turn to invention for profit.

You are methodical and cautious in your approach to important problems, yet you seem to have an instinctive ability to make "jump judgments." Although you know how to make money, you may have to learn how to save it. You are over-ambitious with what you have when you have it. That means that unless you prepare for that rainy day, it might appear!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—When your circle of acquaintances it will be good for you right now. You may be a little bored with life.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Don't be hurried into anything. Better to wait a while until you are sure.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Tension appears to be mounting. Let them down by some pleasant recreation. Do you as much good as sleep.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Don't ignore the social aspects of your life. You may find they play an important part in your progress.

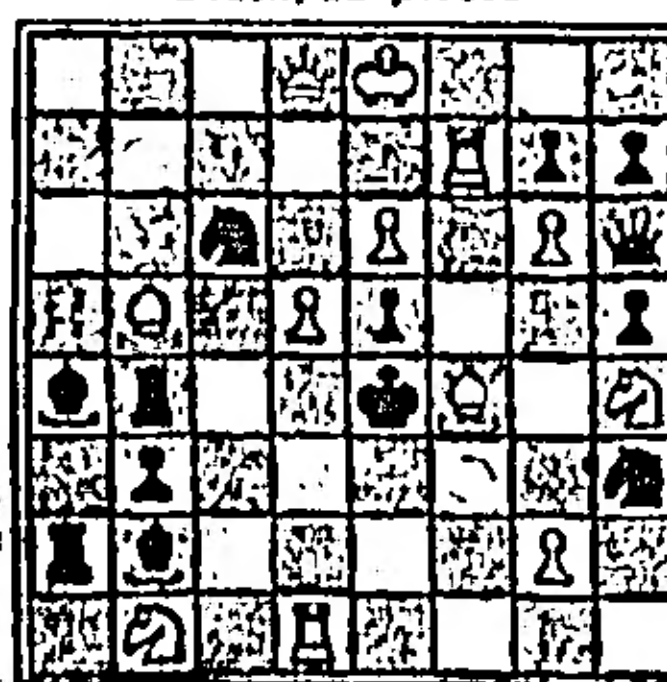
VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Be sure that whatever you build today is on a sound basis. Don't use guesswork. Stick to facts.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Pay strict attention to an important job today. It can even provide a pathway to success with gold!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Take care of detail work personally rather than delegate it to another. You are sure, then, of what's going on!

CHess PROBLEM

By A. ELLERMAN
Black, 13 pieces



White, 12 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem: 1. Q-K5, any; 2. Q, B, or Kt mates.

WHAT'S HER LINE?

MONICA POWELL

Re-arrange the letters to spell out an occupation.
(Solution on Page 10)

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Use Your Partner To Win at Bridge

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By OSWALD JACOBY

"THE other night I held a bridge hand with no card higher than a nine," reports a Wisconsin reader. "Was I entitled to ask for a new deal?"

Nobody can stop you from asking for a new deal. However, the opponents would be very foolish to give you that new deal because you are not entitled to it. When you get a bad hand all you can do is suffer in silence.

As a matter of fact, if your partner has a good enough hand and plays his cards properly, your suffering may not be so extreme.

In today's hand, for example, my associate, Freddie Sheinwald, managed to extract two tricks from a "trickless" dummy. This feat looked impossible at first, but Sheinwald made it look very simple—as befits the author of the magnificent "First Book of Bridge" for teen-agers and other beginners.

West opened the king of hearts, and Sheinwald, playing the South hand, took the ace of hearts and returned the suit at once. East won with the ten of hearts and properly returned a trump. Declarer won and led another heart, giving West a trick.

West, hopefully returned another trump, but there was no way to stop declarer's plan from operating. Sheinwald won the second round of trumps and led the last heart. West had to follow, suit, and dummy could ruff with the eight of spades.

This device of ruffing a heart in dummy not only enabled declarer to avoid the loss of a heart trick, but also put him in the dummy in position to take the club finesse. When the finesse of the queen of clubs succeeded, declarer could draw the last trump and cheerfully concede one diamond trick.

West could have set the contract by opening a trump. The defensive plan would be to lead a trump at each opportunity. South would never be able to ruff a heart in dummy and would therefore be unable to take the club finesse. South would therefore lose three hearts, a diamond, and a club.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:

South West North East

1 Diamond Pass 1 Heart Pass

You, South, hold: Spades K-J-7-4, Hearts 7-3, Diamonds A-K-J-5-2, Clubs K-2. What do you do?

A—Bid one spade. With 14 points in high cards, you have a near minimum opening bid. It costs nothing, however, to show your second biddable suit at the level of one.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 8-7-4, Hearts 7-3, Diamonds A-K-J-5-2, Clubs A-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

DUMB-BELLS

AND SOMETIMES IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR YOU TO HELP THE BUTLER UPSTAIRS!



WOMANSENSE

ETON PREFERS MRS. BEETON



Which would you marry? Film actress Ava Gardner (left) or Mrs. Beeton the cook? In a joint debate between Eton College and Christ's Hospital (the Bluecoat School), the motion that "This House would prefer to marry Mrs. Beeton than Ava Gardner" was carried by 43 votes to 39.

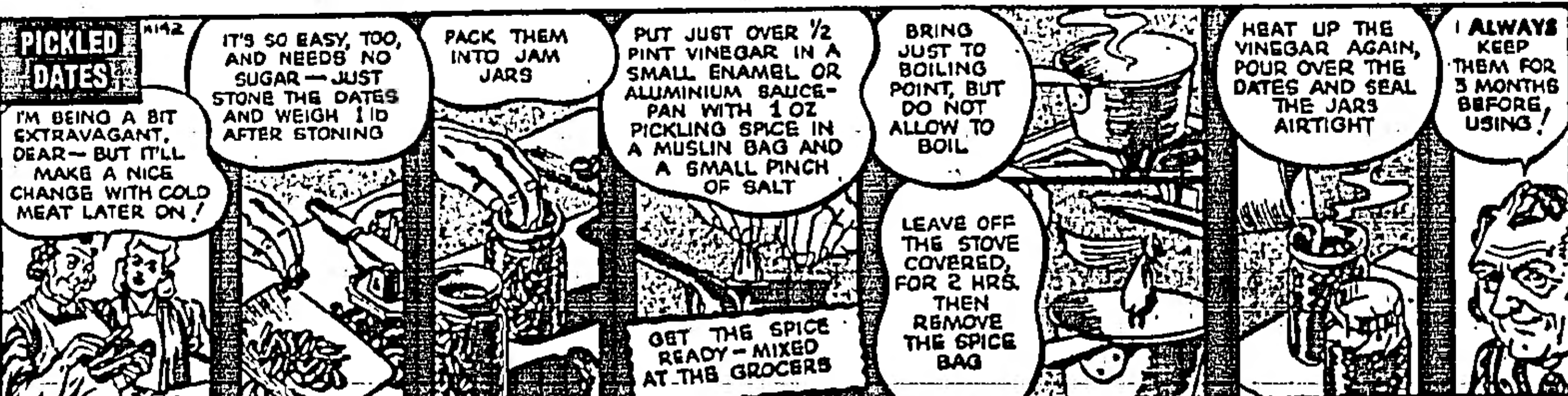
A Budget-Kind Chicken Curry

By ALICE DENHOFF

A RICE and chicken curry served with various toppings for good eating and a bit of swank, adds up to a wonderful special dinner that isn't a budget-smasher. The recipe given here is for 8-10 servings.

Disjoint a 3 1/2-4 pound hen and stew in 6 c. water until tender. Save stock. When chicken is cool enough to handle, remove bones and cut chicken in small pieces.

Cook 2 c. onions, 2 c. apples and 2 c. celery (all minced) in 1/2 c. fat until slightly brown, stirring frequently. Add good tap, curry powder (more if desired), and simmer 5 minutes. Continue stirring. Add the chicken stock (2 1/2 c.), 1/4 tsp. pepper and 1/2 tsp. tabasco sauce. Cook 20 minutes. Add enough of the liquid from the saucepan to 1/4 c. flour to make a paste that is nice and smooth. Add this paste to the saucepan and cook until mixture thickens. Stir constantly. Remove from heat, add the chicken and allow to stand, covered, for 3 hours. When ready to serve, add 1/2 c. heavy cream, 3 beaten egg yolks and salt to taste. Heat thoroughly and serve at once in a rice ring.



BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Jack Scarecrow Can't Fly!

—But How Did He Get on Top of the Chimney?—

By MAX TRELL

"I WOULDN'T have believed it if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes," said Chirpie Sparrow to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names. Chirpie had come to the window sill for his morning bread crumbs.

"You wouldn't have believed what?" asked Hanid.

"What I saw," replied Chirpie.

"What did you see?" asked Knarf.

"Well," continued Chirpie after he had helped himself to a few of the bread crumbs. "What I saw (but almost couldn't believe) was Jack Scarecrow sitting on top of the chimney of the house, with his knees crossed and a pipe in his mouth! Now how, I want to know—how could a scarecrow, who's nothing more than an old suit of clothes stuffed with straw, climb up to the chimney of the house where he's supposed to be standing in the cornfield, half a mile away?"

Knarf and Hanid couldn't imagine how this could have happened either. So they hurriedly made their way up to the attic.

Sure enough, on looking out of the dusty window, they saw Jack Scarecrow sitting on top of the chimney with his knees crossed and the smoke curling up out of his corn-cob pipe. He seemed quite happy. It was a fine, sharp November day, with the sun shining down out of a cloudless sky and the wind coming and going, frisking and lodging over the ground and over the trees.

Knarf called to Jack, "Hello there!"

Jack Scarecrow nodded pleasantly. "Howdy-do, Knarf!"

Next morning Mr. Bear takes Rupert for a walk, holding him firmly by the hand for fear of losing him again. Near the shore they meet Morwenna, who approaches them eagerly. "Oh, I'm so glad you've come," she smiles.

He Flow Up

Jack Scarecrow nodded pleasantly. "Howdy-do, Knarf!"

Knarf and Hanid were curious to know where he stopped on his way to the chimney.

"Now, let me see. My first stop after leaving the cornfield was on top of the apple tree."

"Not!" exclaimed Hanid. "You couldn't! You can't climb trees!"

"I told you. I was flying through the air. Well, I stayed in the apple tree a bit, then I flew over the air to the stone wall that looks over the pond. Then I flew over the pond, too high to touch the water, but not so high that I couldn't see the frogs and the fishes."

"Finally I came flying up the hill, past the row of pine trees and past the bird bath and past the garden and over the lilac bushes, then straight up the side of the house past all the windows and past the weather vane and right on top of this chimney. Yesiree, and I flew the whole way, right through the air!"

Knarf and Hanid were just about to tell Jack Scarecrow not to try to make up stories that no one could believe, when at that moment Jack suddenly took off from the chimney and went sailing through the air, just like a sort of bird, over the oak tree and across the road and far, far away.

And with him, though quite unseen, went the frisky November wind, dodging and puffing (and perhaps laughing) as Jack Scarecrow went flying through the air. Then Knarf and Hanid knew that Jack's story was true from beginning to whatever-might-be the end!

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Vitamins May Help Stimulate Growth Of Undersized Child

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

PARENTS often worry when their child is not up to the normal height or weight for his age. If they took the youngster to the physician for a check-up, he could often put their minds at ease.

"Normal" height and weight figures do not mean too much for the individual child. Many children do not grow very big because it is a natural part of their heredity to have small builds. Other children are hereditarily inclined to be large.

calcium and phosphorus. It also included a special liver extract.

This vitamin and mineral combination was followed by a striking increase in the children's growth rate, with their development shooting up past the standard of normal. The increase in the rate of growth and development was as high as 65 percent in these children. No change in their mental situation, however, could be noted.

The food supplement stopped the children's growth failure and corrected the previous lag

in growth. It is believed that the improvement was due in large part to the growth-stimulating effect of the vitamin B12.

This does not mean that every small child should be given vitamin B12. The child may be the correct size for his natural structural make-up. However, in some cases, small size is due to a primary growth deficiency, and if this is the case, a physician can prescribe adequate amounts of vitamin B12.

S.P.C. FOR HUSBANDS!

Melbourne, Australia.

A Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Husbands, recently formed here by Rex Testro, a business man, is growing rapidly.

The society had about 400 members after the first two months. Its main enemies are aggressive wives, wives who can't balance household budgets and interfering in-laws.

"The society was born during a discussion between three husbands, including myself, on the faults of wives," Testro explained. "We decided to gather harassed husbands into an organization which would ask voluntary experts to solve problems."

The society's motto: "Safety in numbers."

Experts With Troubles

Finding experts to help was not difficult. "We soon found so many with so much trouble of their own that they were willing to help others," Testro added.

The experts include a psychologist, a banker, whose mother-in-law bosses him around, and a doctor cursed with an extravagant wife.

"The psychologist advises members on how to handle irritable or argumentative wives. He has no simple answer for henpecking wives, including his own."

"The banker advises on the balancing of budgets."

"The doctor tackles sex and family health problems. The number of men who complain of frigid wives is astonishing,"—United Press.

Afternoon Ensemble



By VERA WINSTON

SOMETHING new in the fabric line for spring is used for this attractive dress and jacket two-piece. It is a knitted mesh of a wool and nylon blend that handles like the softest of fabrics. The sleeveless dress is draped over the bosom and fitted through the midriff. Draped folds radiate from the waistline on the skirt. The jacket carries the ornamentation for the ensemble, with its drop-type pearl buttons arrayed on a darker band down the front, and the fringed head-trim that shows from underneath the small collar. The colour of the ensemble is a soft bluish-lavender.

Another new

"Adventure"

RUPERT and the BOY PIRATE

\$1.

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Reg Allen Not Retained By Manchester United

London, May 5. Manchester United's report that goalkeeper Reg Allen has not been retained on their playing staff rekindles for his supporters memories of the 30-year-old Londoner's trying experiences.

Allen, who cost Manchester United the record fee for a goalkeeper of £11,000 for his transfer from Queen's Park Rangers in 1950, was interned for nearly four years by the Germans in 1941.

Allen, a British Commando volunteer, was taken prisoner with a marine while attempting to sink a ship at Benghazi harbour.

He was taken to camp in Genoa, where he was soon in trouble for assisting in the escape of two soldiers. He himself recalls that he was sentenced to ten days' hard labour, which he alleged included a heavy beating up.

Allen said: "I often wondered how I survived the 25 months at this camp. Our main daily diet was five ounces of bread, and one plate of 'rabbitwater' soup."

Eventually Allen claims he was picked up by a British liaison officer after being three days on the loose in Vienna in May, 1945, during the Russian advance.

With the war over, Allen was prevented from playing professional soccer for some months while recovering from the effects of his imprisonment.

SOON PLAYED IN
When he did report fit, he soon played himself into Queen's Park Rangers first

team, and in 1948 his consistent brilliance helped Rangers to win the Third Division (South) championship.

At that period Allen was ranked by the sturdiest defenders in the Third Division, and it was natural that the club's performances should bring him, particularly, to notice.

Agile and fearless, he was the idol of Queen's Park Rangers fans and it was a bitter disappointment when he left to join Manchester United.

Last season, Manchester United carried off the League title, but this term they have not shown such consistency, and Allen has moved much of the season through illness.

Earlier this season, a London sports writer reported that he had seen Allen at a Chelsea game. He wrote: "I was surprised to see that he was greying at the temples."

It would appear that Allen's illness is attributable to his imprisonment of war years.

Whatever the cause, his son are earnestly hoping that his recovery can be effected and will enable him to return to the game which he calls his "first love".—Reuter.



London Express Service

AUSTRALIA WILL WIN THE TESTS—AND CONFOUND ALL THE CRITICS

Says STAN McCABE

(Best remembered as the Australian batsman whose exploits against the shock attack of Larwood won for him a place in the cricket annals of both England and Australia).

What are Australia's prospects in the Test Matches against England?

British opinion favours England's chances during the current series—and not a few Australians are of the same opinion. Betting men, in fact, are willing to lay a shade of odds that Australia, at best, will not win more than one Test this season.

Judged in the balance of popular opinion, therefore, it seems that cricket fans take a dim view of Australia's ability to take the "Ashes" back with them when they return home at the end of the season.

I do not subscribe to this opinion. On the contrary, I believe Australia will win the Tests—and confound the critics.

My belief is based upon an assessment of the varied talents of the members of the touring team, of their individual abilities, and of their collective merits.

Those members of the Australian team who represent "the old brigade" need no introduction to readers—their talents are too well known—but it is appropriate to recall that both Lindsay Hassett (Captain) and Arthur Morris (Vice-Captain), after periods of uncertain batting, regained their form recently against the South Africans—and both are seen at their best when playing on English wickets. So if you are inclined to write them off as "has-beens," your views are very wide of the mark.

The other "old timers" in the touring team are Bill Johnston, Ray Lindwall, Keith Miller, Doug Ring and Don Tallon. Of these, it can be said that no bowler (and I'm not forgetting Alec Bedser) is a stonewaller like Johnston who, at 31, can trundle them down over after over, hour after hour, with the same tenacity of purpose, the same guile, and the same accuracy as during the 1948 Tests in England.

Lindwall and Miller, I agree, have lost something of their speed, but nothing of their cunning. Their combined shock attack, it will be found, maintains all its old-time venom.

Doug Ring, in England for the 1948 tour, was included as a handy all-rounder. He remains just that. Don Tallon, veteran wicket-keeper, was lost to cricket last season through illness. His batting is as good as ever. His batting is better than ever. He concludes the parade of old stalwarts.

THE NEW BRIGADE
Now let us have a brief look at the new members of the Australian team—the young members who have fought their way in against opposition from a number of other young Australians who are knocking at the door of big cricket.

The baby of the team and the "draw card" who will bring thousands of new customers through the turnstiles, is Ian Craig, 17-year-old batsman. Last year, at 16, he was the youngest player ever to appear in Sheffield Shield cricket. This year, at 17, he is the youngest player ever to play in a Test Match.

At his Test debut, he made 53 in the first innings, 47 in the second—a Test average of exactly 50. Playing against South Africa in an earlier match, he made a double century.

He is a right-hand batsman, a brilliant stroke-maker and a good outfielder. He has been acclaimed the greatest "find" since Bradman. The present tour may decide whether this claim is well-founded.

Nell Harvey, of course, toured England in 1948 and made a century there in his first Test, so he needs no introduction; but I would not be fair to Nell if I included him among the old-timers.

He is only 24, so has many years of play ahead of him—that is why his name was not included among the veterans. I named earlier, the phenomenal success—and it is to be hoped this success will continue throughout his English tour.

If it does, spectators in England will be treated to the finest exhibition of stroke-making they have seen for many a year; because Nell is a stylist who can

enthral the crowds by his brilliant play. He, too, is an outfielder—and a good one.

Ron Archer, like Ian Craig, is a teen-ager. At 19, he is a six-footer of powerful physique, a right-hand, fast-medium bowler, a good batsman and a splendid field in almost any position. His power of concentration is such that he is not perturbed by ex-taneous elements. He gets so engrossed in the task on hand that, within himself, he creates the elements that lead to success.

Richie Benoit, Alan Davidson and Jim De Courcy all hail from New South Wales. Their respective ages are 22, 23 and 25. All three are temperamentally fitted to Test atmospheres. Benoit and Davidson are all-rounders. De Courcy is a stylish and resourceful bat.

Colin McDonald, at 24, has been groomed as an opening bat. He played in one Test against the West Indies and in all the Tests against South Africa. He is slow, cautious and somewhat unattractive in stance and stroke-making; but is improving all the time.

Young Graeme Hole, feeling that he lacked opportunities in New South Wales, migrated to South Australia a few seasons back, and has never regretted that step. Still only 22, he has had considerable Test experience, having played against the English in 1950-51, the West Indians last season and the South Africans

this year. He is high up in the batting averages and is a good, improving slip fieldman.

Gill Langley has been Australia's wicket-keeper in all recent Tests against the West Indians and the South Africans. He has performed creditably rather than brilliantly. Don't ask me whether he will be first or second keeper during the English tour.

The opinion is almost universal in Australia that Tallon is far ahead of Langley as a keeper and a Test against the West Indians is a really first-class batsman as well as a wicket-keeper. It remains to be seen who makes the grade in the Tests against England.

Jack Hill completes the personnel of the Australian team to tour England. His choice came as a surprise to the public, but not to competent cricket observers. He is a spin bowler—slow and a spin bowler—slow. I'll tell you more about him in my next article, which describes Australia's bowling strength.

Even from the foregoing, necessarily brief, thumb-nail biographies of the Australian cricketers, you will have noticed how diverse are their talents. It is on this diversity, allied to the levelling of nerves, that I base my forecast that they will win the present Test series in England and forecast that they will do so by a comfortable margin.

A grand century by Denis Compton in his first county match of the season heartened those fans who hope to see him back in the England team against Australia this season.

He batted for 10 minutes over three hours, hitting 15 fours, but having reached three figures he stepped out and was stumped.

With his captain, Bill Edrich, claiming a half century, Middlesex resumed the initiative against Northamptonshire, who had gained a first innings lead of 86, but who now need something over 200 in the fourth innings to prevent Middlesex from winning tomorrow.

Yorkshire showed their strength by beating a strong MCC side in two days, bowlers dominating the game with Wardle's match figures of 11 for 48 being a magnificent performance.

They put the MCC out twice in the 80s and though Yorkshire did not reach 200, their score was sufficient for an innings victory.

Hampshire were indebted to Harrison for claiming a big advantage over Essex after gaining a first innings lead.

With the pitch crumbling and dusty at one end and bowlers were necessary from batsmen and Harrison supplied them by playing nearly three hours for 84, including 14 fours.

Earlier Ray Smith had shown similar boldness for Essex by hitting 28 in eight strokes, including two sixes over square leg.

Worcestershire, as against the Australians, showed further signs that they will have to be reckoned with this season and they appear safe from defeat. The

Australians Dismiss Leicestershire Twice In A Day

Leicester, May 4.

Australia's cricketers, dismissing Leicestershire twice in a day, for 109 and 180, won by an innings and 154 runs with a day to spare. They had declared at their overnight score of 443 for eight.

Leicestershire's batting failed miserably against an attack no better than that of most county sides. Only Charles Palmer, 26 run out and 62 not out, was at all comfortable. By sound methodical stroke play he showed there was no real tear gas in the bowling.

Palmer and Walsh, an Australian, added 63 for the sixth wicket but the end came soon afterwards.

Palmer completed a chanceless 50 in 100 minutes. He remained unbeaten and had seven fours.

Spin bowler Ring took four for 57 and five for 66, but Jack Hill, four for 36, looked the more impressive.

THE SCOREBOARD
Australians: 1st Innings: 443 for 8 declared.
Leicestershire: 1st Innings: 109 all out.
Lester, lbw b. Davidson 2
Smithson, b. Davidson 9
Tomkins, c. Hill b. Archer 5
Palmer, run out 26
Jackson, b. Hill 4
Munden, lbw b. Hill 33
Walsh, c. Hill b. Ring 37
Spence, c. Tallon b. Ring 11
Walden, not out 23
Spence, lbw b. Hill 1

Leicestershire: 2nd Innings: 180 all out.
Lester, c. Harvey b. Ring 19
Smithson, c. Tallon b. Hill 30
Tomkins, b. Hill 42
Palmer, not out 62
Jackson, b. Hill 4
Munden, lbw b. Hill 33
Walsh, c. Hill b. Ring 37
Spence, c. Tallon b. Ring 11
Walden, not out 23
Spence, lbw b. Hill 1

Spencer, st. Tallon b. Ring 30
Goodwin, c. Davidson b. Ring 2
Firth, absent hurt 0
Extras 109
Total 130

BOWLING
O M R W
Archer 8 2 22 0
Davidson 9 2 35 0
Hill 22 10 46 4
Ring 12 3 57 4
Hole 1 0 4 0
Byes 5; Leg-byes 1. —Reuter.

Major League Baseball
New York, May 4.
The results of American Major League baseball games played this afternoon were:

New York Giants 12, Cincinnati Reds 4.
American League
Detroit Tigers 10, New York Yankees 4.
The game between Boston Red Sox and St. Louis Browns was postponed because of rain. —Reuter.

Team Of Eight Bridge Tournay
In the Team of Eight Tournament of the Hongkong Contract Bridge Association, Club Lusitano beat HKU Alumni Association by 101 international match points against 63.

The half time score was 60-32 in favour of Club Lusitano. The following were the players: Club Lusitano: L. A. Ozorio and D. Rodrigues. HKU Alumni: J. A. Noronha and J. E. Gama. HKU Alumni: J. E. Gama and J. V. da Luz. (Mr da Luz was replaced by Mr F. A. Gill in the second half.)

HKU Alumni Association: Lee Fook-lau and Lee Fook-piu. K. Y. Ho and George Y. C. Cheung. D. Hung and P. B. Pata, and Dr. C. Yung and Dr. K. C. Yip. The last pair was replaced by Mr C. C. Lo and Mr Yung in the second half of the play.

INDONESIAN GESTURE
The All-Indonesian Football Team, PSSI have donated \$1,510, the entire proceeds of the soccer match between Indonesia and Korea last Thursday, to the Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association.

NOTICE
THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB
Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Whitsun Race Meeting 1952/53 to be held on Saturday, 23rd and Monday, 25th May, 1953, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday, 12th May, 1953.

By Order of the Stewards, H. Miao, Secretary.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB THIRTEENTH RACE MEETING 1952/53

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 9th May, 1953 (Held under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club).

The programme will consist of 10 races each day. The First Ball will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2 p.m. on both days.

Through Tickets for the 2nd Day (10 Races — \$20.00) also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, sweep tickets may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Offices at:—

5 D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong
382 Nathan Road, Kowloon
TOTALISATOR

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules:—

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies as declared by the Stewards when the "ALL CLEAR" is given. The "ALL CLEAR" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tiers. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once investors have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE
Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptrol Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. each day. The Treasurers' Comptrol Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 per day including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

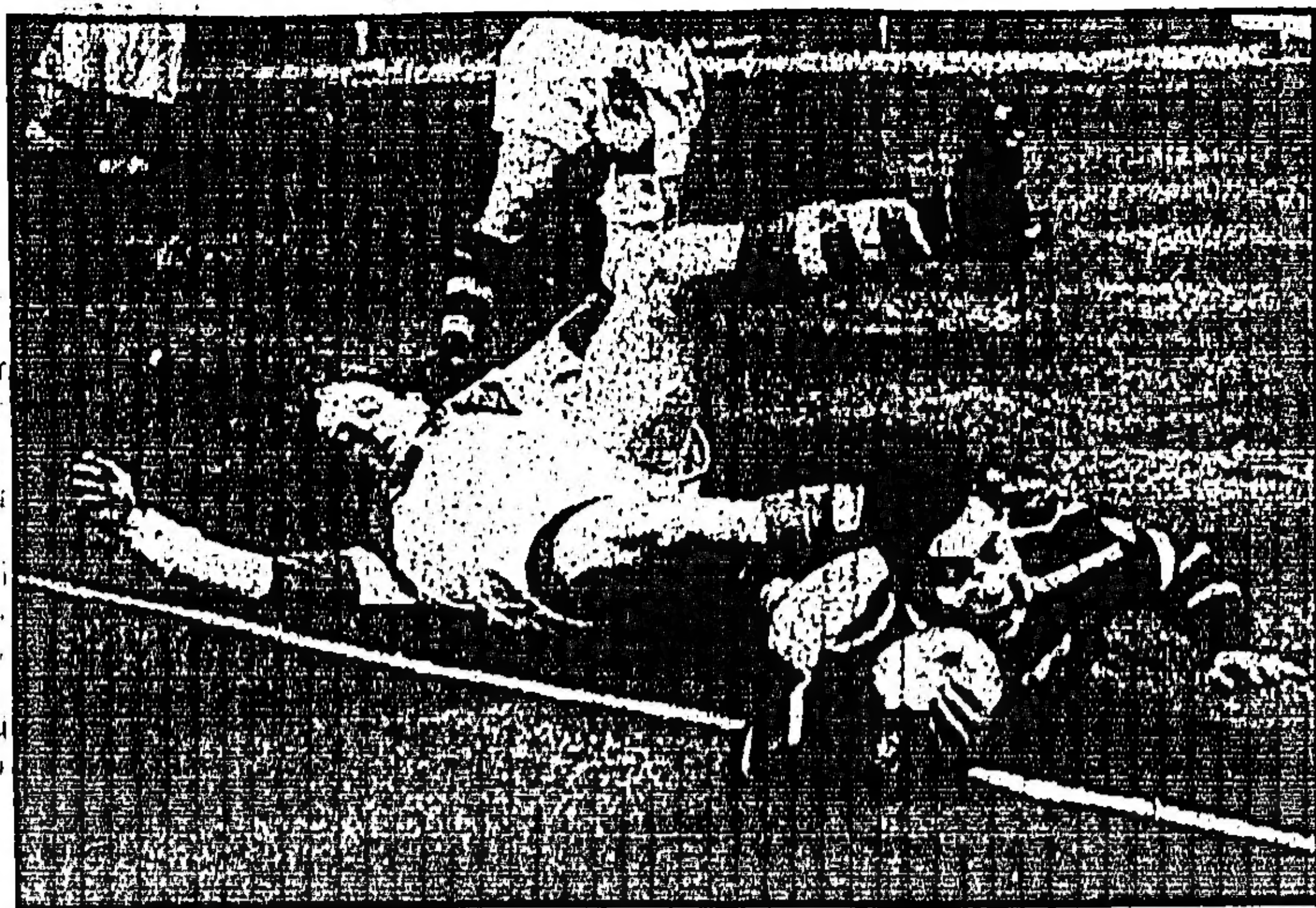
SERVANTS' PASSES
Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order of the Stewards, H. Miao, Secretary.



RUGBY LEAGUE CUP FINAL THRILL



P. Ramsden, stand-off half-back, scores the first try for Huddersfield in the Rugby League Cup Final against St Helen's at Wembley Stadium, London, on April 25. Huddersfield won 15-10.

An Outright Appeal To All English Cricketers

By DENIS COMPTON

Before taking first ball in my third innings as a cricket columnist I want to make an outright appeal.

It is addressed to all English cricketers, critics, and crowds. Simply, it is to remember that our prospects of winning back the Ashes could be swayed either way by the amount of support given to those representing us at Trent Bridge, Lord's, Old Trafford, Headingley, and The Oval.

Such support should not be confined merely to the duration of the Tests. Rather should it begin now, and be continued throughout the coming weeks, both on and off the field.

Already the Australians have gained a psychological point by their customary battle-tactics. It is no exaggeration to say that when South Africa squared the rubber two-all by beating Australia in the Fifth Test at Melbourne, English hopes soared high.

AN UNDERESTIMATION
What has happened in the last fortnight? My impression is that so much praise has been showered on the Australians that many people are again looking on them as near-glants, and in doing so are underestimating the abilities of our own players.

Not unnaturally, the Australians are singing one another's praises. Whatever may be their private views, outwardly they stick to the loyal theme—this side will be one of our best.

Maybe the Australians will blend into a powerful team. What of it? There's no reason why England should not be even stronger.

I firmly believe that the general standard of cricket here is better than at any time since I began playing and that, after the last years, the number of the exceptionally gifted is back to the vintage period.

DAVIS CUP RESULTS

Barcelona, May 4.
Spain completed a 5-0 success over Israel in the first round European zone tie of the Davis Cup here today when they won the two remaining singles, postponed from yesterday.

Marinez (Spain) beat Dubitzky 6-4, 6-1, 6-7, and Ferrer (Spain) beat Weiss 6-3, 6-0, 6-3 today.

Spain and Sweden will meet at Barcelona, probably on May 14, 16 and 17.—Reuter.

FINLAND LEAD
Helsinki, May 4.
Finland won the rubies to take a 2-1 lead against Ireland in their first round Davis Cup European Zone match here today, each having won a singles encounter previously.

In today's doubles, Sakri Solo and Pentti Forsman (Finland) won 7-5, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, against G. P. Jackson and J. D. Hackett. The remaining singles will be played tomorrow.—Reuter.

IRC Tennis Teams
The following have been selected to represent the Indian R.C. in the Lawn Tennis League in the "C" and "D" Division respectively:
Monday, May 11—"C" team at home v. SCAA: I. Kitchell, S. E. M. Bux, F. Rumbhann, A. R. Sufilad, M. Samy and S. M. Rumbhann (Capt.). Reserves: Osman Adom and Suleiman M. Rumbhann.
Tuesday, May 12—"D" team away v. Urban Council R. C.: A. S. Rumbhann, Ali Khan, Rahman Bux, Rahmat Omar, A. L. Chasumbhoy, S. F. S. Samy, Reserves: R. A. Bux (Capt.) and Adam Khan.

"D" team players will meet at the Star Ferry, H.K. also at 8.05 p.m.

The more I play, the more am I convinced that technical ability provides little more than half the complex compound which is contained in the make-up of the top-class performer.

Temperament, confidence, and concentration are other essentials. Australians lack nothing in confidence, but I'm afraid that in the past, for one reason or another, too many Englishmen have been overawed by thoughts of facing the men with the big-peaked green caps long before they have gone on to the field.

Therefore, I make the point that every good batting or bowling performance against the Australians by a county or an individual before a Test Match will help England indirectly in the Test.

Assuming that Len Hutton is captain and first-wicket batsman, the question of deciding upon his opening partner may be the most difficult of all problems.

Look at some of the men to pick from—David Sheppard (Sussex), John Ikin and Cyril Washbrook (Lancashire), Frank Lawson (Yorkshire), and Reg Simpson.

All have their claims—but one extra mark in favour of Reg is that he is probably the best player of fast bowling in England.

As one of the keys to the series will be the start which England makes against the speed of Roy Lindwall and Keith Miller, that could be the turning factor.

In any case most of the others are so adaptable that their play does not suffer if they bat lower in the order. Reg is essentially an opening batsman, but he's far happier there than anywhere else.

Not that I think England need be worried about the batting. Besides these already mentioned we have Tom Graveney and Arthur Milton (Gloucestershire), Peter May (Surrey), Willie Watson (Yorkshire), Alan Watkins (Glamorgan) and young Jim Parks of Sussex.

BOWLING NUCLEUS
Much can happen in 12 months but, unless the unexpected occurs, no doubt the Surrey trio of Alec Bedser, Jim Laker, and Tony Lock, and Freddie Trueman (Yorkshire), will form the nucleus of England's attack.

I'm not going to follow the general line of hailing Trueman as England's answer to Miller and Lindwall. That would be most unfair to him. The opposition this year will be considerably different from last season's.

Still, Fred will come into this summer's series with the inestimable benefit of one year's experience of Test cricket.

Fred will face intense competition. Reports from Lancashire indicate that Brian Statham has not only filled out but has increased his pace. He will be offering a strong challenge. Brian is a very accurate fast bowler and, although not quite so hostile as Fred, is the type who is seldom collared. Trevor Bailey (Essex), whose bowling at Scarborough last summer earned particular commendation from all present, and Alan Moss (Middlesex) will also be pressing hard for a show.

Tony Lock, the Surrey left-arm slow bowler, was in peak

form in the Oval trial matches. Apparently he has altered his action by constant practice at a winter indoor school and he has eliminated any suspicion of a throw when bowling his faster ball.

The presence of an all-rounder like Alan Watkins or John Ikin in the team would give the captain a fifth bowler.

Note that I have not included a leg-break bowler. If Doug Wright starts the season well he must come into the reckoning, but Doug himself will be the first to admit that against him there must always be a big question mark.

Heroes' Welcome For Blackpool Footballers
London, May 4.
There was a heroes' welcome for Blackpool footballers when they reached Lancashire tonight with the FA Cup.

As they drove along to Blackpool with the trophy held aloft in their coach, 200,000 people cheered themselves hoarse with a special rally for Stan Matthews, "the maker of goals," and the South African, Billy Perry, "the man who took the chance that mattered."

The goal? commented Perry, as he left the coach. "Well, Stan placed it so well that it would have been a sin to miss," adding "it was grand to score and help to bring Stan his coveted winners' medal and the Cup to Blackpool."

A civic reception was laid on for the team in the Town Hall tonight, and among a batch of messages received was one from Sir Winston Churchill—"Heartiest congratulations to another from Field Marshal Lord Montgomery—"I am delighted."

Both are Freeman of Blackpool, and there is now a question that Stan Matthews should become the third.

Whatever happens, the Town Council will probably give mementoes to the team for bringing fame to Blackpool.—Reuter.

DECLINES INVITATION
London, May 4.
Stanley Matthews, whose brilliant play helped Blackpool to match a victory from Bolton Wanderers in the FA Cup final on Saturday, has had to refuse an invitation to join the FA party leaving here on Thursday for a tour of South America.

Matthews had an injection to relieve a thigh strain before the Cup final and is now feeling the strain considerably.

Before leaving London for Blackpool today, Matthews said: "I am very sorry to have to turn down this offer. I would have loved to go, but don't feel my thigh will be quite right for about a month and it is no use going on such a trip without feeling fit."

N. Lionel Smith, the Arsenal left-back, has withdrawn from the touring side because of a recurrence of an old ankle injury. His place will be taken by Bill Eckersley of Blackburn Rovers, his rival for the left-back place in the England side for some time.—Reuter.

MAJOR CHAPMAN TO LEAD COMBINED SERVICES AGAINST CIVILIANS

Major B. D. Chapman, the Colony Pentathlon Champion, will be captain of the Combined Services team against the Combined Civilians in the first annual athletic match at Kai Tak on Sunday.

He has also been selected to compete for the Combined Services in four events—the High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump and Javelin Throw. Captain da Costa, the RAF all-rounder, is in three events.

Gnr. Derek Coburn will double in the 880 Yards and One Mile, the Services Three Miles chore being left to the capable feet of Gnr. Cope of 25 Field Regiment, RA.

There are few surprise selections in the team, the most interesting being that of Hongkong Chinese Training Unit's Chow Jor for the Pole Vault.

Of the Army units, the Dorsetshire Regiment have the largest representation, nine members of their team being selected.

The team is:
100 Yards—L/Cpl. Crane (Dorsetshire Regt.), Gnr. Kirk (173 Loc. Bty.), F/Lt. R. J. B. Roach (RAF), Reserve: 2/Lt. M. W. Wren (50 Fd. Eng.) and Capt. J. E. Mulvaney (HQF).

220 Yards—L/Cpl. Crane (Dorsetshire Regt.), Sgt. Dockree (Royal Norfolk Regt.), F/O. G. B. H. Norris (RAF), Reserve: F/O. Perdue (RAF).

440 Yards—2/Lt. Goodburn (25 Field Regt.), L/Cpl. Lockwood (Army/RAF Movements), Sgt. P. Martin (Wiltshire Regt.), Reserve: F/O. Perdue (RAF) and 2/Lt. Wells.

880 Yards—2/Lt. Goodburn (25 Field Regt.), 2/Lt. B. Coburn (45 Field, RA), Reserve: Pte. Hunt (Dorsetshire Regt.).

One Mile—Gnr. D. Coburn (45 Field, RA), LAC D. Hosking (RAF), Cpl. R. J. Dunn (RAF), Reserve: 2/Lt. Benson (Hoya Uster Rifles).

Three Miles—Gnr. Cope (25 Field, RA), Rfmm. Sillett (Royal Uster Rifles), Lt. Maughan (45 Field, RA), Reserve: Cpl. Harding (Wiltshire Regt.).

High Hurdles—Capt. J. E. MacVane (HQF), Fuz. Davey (Dorsetshire Regt.), 2/Lt. D. S. Fawcus (32 Medium, RA), Reserve: 2/Lt. Paterson (170 Lt. Bty.).

Low Hurdles—2/Lt. D. S. Fawcus (32 Medium, RA), 2/Lt. Paterson (170 Lt. Bty.), LAC O'Brien (RAF), Reserve: F/Lt. G. W. F. Charles (RAF).

High Jump—Lt. G. B. Blight (Dorsetshire Regt.), Gnr. George (25 Field, RA), Major B. D. Chapman (Royal Norfolk Regt.), Reserve: Pte. Gordon (Dorsetshire Regt.).

Long Jump—2/Lt. W. Wren (50 Fd. Eng.), Capt. W. Costa (RAF), Major B. D. Chapman (Royal Norfolk Regt.), Reserve: CQMS Hesling (RASC).

Hop, Step & Jump—Sign. A. Fendall (H. K. Signal Regt.), CQMS Hesling (RASC), Capt. da Costa (RAF), Reserve: Fuz. Rousay (Dorsetshire Regt.).

Shot Put—Sgt. G. J. Harrison (Army/RAF Movements), L/Bdr. Bertram (72 Light A. A. Regt.), and LAC Gammon or F/Sgt. Mitchell (both RAF).

Discus Throw—L/Bdr. J. Pawlowski (27 HAA Regt.), Lt. J. B. Lambert (14 Field, RA), LAC Davidson (RAF), Reserve: Cpl. Scott (Dorsetshire Regt.).

Javelin Throw—Sgt. C. H. Elliott (25 Field, RA), Gnr. B. D. Chapman (Royal Norfolk Regt.), Reserve: Cpl. Trickett (RAF).

Hammer Throw—Sgt. J. P. Docherty (Welch Regt.), CQMS Tostevin, Pte. Capslock (Dorsetshire Regt.), Reserve: Lt. Shaw (73 LAA Regt.).

One Mile Race Walk—Lt. Spooner (Royal Army Pay Corps).

CIVILIAN TEAM
The Combined Civilians team has been selected as follows:
100 Yards—Stephen Xavier (HKAAC), Chang Yat-hung (SCAA), Eddie Loureiro (HKAAC), Reserve: Roy Spencer (HKAAC).
200 Yards—Stephen Xavier (HKAAC), Lee Wing - kai (SCAA), Hung Chee-kee (SCAA), Reserve: Yau Tak-kee (SCAA).

440 Yards—Lo Wing - chuen (SCAA), Hung Chee-kee (SCAA), Lee Wing - kai (SCAA), Reserve: Cheung Chek-yin (SCAA).
800 Yards—Lee Shu-chung (SCAA), Leung Kam - po (SCAA), Cheung Chek - yin (SCAA), Leung Yiu - lam (SCAA).

One Mile—Frank Waller (HKAAC), Chan Kim-hung (SCAA), Leung Yiu - lam (SCAA).
Three Miles—Chan King-yin (SCAA), Fung Ping-kai (unattached), Lee Kam-hung (SCAA).

440 Yards Relay—Roy Spencer (HKAAC), Chang Yat-hung (SCAA), Eddie Loureiro (HKAAC), Stephen Xavier (HKAAC), Reserve: Yau Tak-kee (SCAA).

One Mile Relay—Leung Kam-po (SCAA), Lee Wing-kai (SCAA), Hung Chee-kee (SCAA), Lo Wing - chuen (SCAA), Reserve: Frank Waller (HKAAC).

High Hurdles—Chang Yat-hung (SCAA), Victor Lai (HKAAC), Chan Wai - lam (SCAA).
Low Hurdles—A. F. Colloco (HKAAC), Ho Sai - hung (SCAA), Lee Sek - chuen (SCAA).

High Jump—Victor Lai (HKAAC), George Thumb (HKAAC), Lin Sui - chun (HKAAC), Lee Kam-yiu (SCAA), Kwoong Lau - chin (SCAA), Chan Wai - lam (SCAA).

Long Jump—George Thumb (HKAAC), Shek Wai-man (HKAAC), Ng Chun-wa (HKAAC), N. O'Reilly Mayne (unattached).
Hop, Step & Jump—Shek Kam-lim (SCAA), George Thumb (HKAAC), George Saunders (HKAAC), Chang Wai - long (SCAA).

Nearula Made The Derby Favourite
London, May 4.
Odds of three to one against the easy Two Thousand Guineas winner at tonight's callover on the Derby at the Victoria Club.

The best price available after the callover was 11 to 1. The Queen's colt, Aureole, was supported to win £10,000 and joined Premonition as joint second favourite at 100 to 8.

The heaviest betting, however, was on Good Brandy and Empira Honey, who meet in the Chester Vase tomorrow. Good Brandy, 40 to 1 a week ago, but in demand since Happy Laughter whom he beat in the Free Handicap, won the One Thousand Guineas, was backed to win over £22,000 and closed at 100 to 7.

At Warwick races today Good Brandy was backed to win £7,000, a £500 each way bet being struck on the course. Empira Honey, supported at tonight's callover to win about £20,000, finished as fourth favourite at 100 to 8.

There was little money for the longer priced horses, among whom Alstream, a winter at Newmarket on Friday, came in at 40 to 1.

Novarullah, 100 to 8 last week, drifted out to join his stable companion, King of the Tudors, at 25 to 1.

The Derby will be run at Epsom Downs on Saturday, June 6.

PRICES QUOTED
Prices quoted were:
11 to 4 Nearula.
100 to 8 Premonition and Aureole.
100 to 8 Empira Honey.
100 to 7 Good Brandy.
100 to 6 Prince Camarino.
20 to 1 Northern Lights.
22 to 1 Shikampur.
25 to 1 Novarullah, King of the Tudors and Mountain King.
33 to 1 Star of the Forest.
40 to 1 Phazel Pinza and Alstream.
50 to 1 Oleandrln, Boxwood and Tosco.—Reuter.

Singapore Plans Soccer Festival
Singapore, May 3.
The Singapore Amateur Football Association is currently working on plans to hold an Asian international soccer quadrangular tournament at Coronation Upp, according to reports today.

The SFAA hopes to be able to stage the projected soccer festival with teams representing Hongkong, Indonesia, the Philippines and Singapore.—United Press.

Malaya University Teams Coming Here
Singapore, May 5.
A team of 38 players and one official, from the University of Malaya Athletic Union will visit Hongkong in July for the biennial sports meet between the University of Malaya and the University of Hongkong.

The President of the Union, Mr. H. S. McCoy, said one new event, women's hockey, was included in this year's competition. Other games to be contested include cricket, badminton, hockey and tennis.—United Press.

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Transport Ministry Unbends

London, May 4.

Regulations to legalize alumi-

nium registration plates on

motor-cars are to be introduced

by the Minister of Transport.

In a recent test case in Glas-

gow Sheriff Court a local

motorist was convicted—but not

penalized—for having a car with

a bright aluminium registration

number.

The prosecution said the glit-

ter of the plate did not make it

easily distinguishable by night

at the statutory distance of 60ft.

There were immediate reper-

cussions—for a third to a half of

British motorists have cars bear-

ing similar plates.

Aluminium registration plates

have been in use for 20 years.

Even police cars are fitted with

them. The A.A., R.A.C. and

other motoring organisations

protested that this was a clear

case for new regulations.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd, the Minister,

has accepted this, and he pro-

poses to make it legal to use

plates showing letters and

figures of the colour of silver or

light grey.

Flight Over

Forbidden

Territory

Stockholm, May 4.

The Swedish air traffic board

said today that it has asked the

British Ministry of Civil Avia-

tion to investigate the flight of

a British charter aircraft over

forbidden territory in Sweden

while on its way from Helsinki

to Nice with 44 passengers.

The board said that instead

of following its flight plan and

taking the Stockholm route the

aircraft followed the east coast

and thus passed over forbidden

territory.

Its course was observed by

radar.

Fighter aircraft were sent up

to identify it.

"The incident is the more

surprising," the board added,

"because the aircraft reported

its position all the time as if it

were flying according to the

flight plan laid down for it."

Farouk To Live In Britain?

London, May 4.

Ex-king Farouk has nearly

completed negotiations to buy

Fort Belvedere, abdication home

of the Duke of Windsor. The

price is believed to be about

£100,000. When the sale goes

through the Duke will have

parted with the only home he

has left in England.

The negotiations between the

ex-king's solicitors have been

going on since just before

Easter.

Fort Belvedere, at Virginia

Water, Surrey, borders on

Windsor Great Park. It was

there that the Duke, as King

Edward VIII, lived during the

last few momentous days of his

reign.

And it was from Fort Belve-

dere that he made his historic

broadcast, telling the world he

had renounced the throne.

For Farouk—H.R.H. Prince

Fahd, as he is officially

styled now—the move will end

the wandering life he has had

to lead since he went into exile

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The Missing Wallet

TEN days before we saw him in the dock at Bow Street, Eddie's young wife died. He, at 24, was left alone with a daughter aged six.

There were relatives, fortunately, who rallied round and shared the burden of his bereavement and the task of caring for the child, and after the funeral, Eddie sewed a black patch on his sleeve, put on a black tie, and went back to his work as a painter for a building firm.

His mother-in-law looked after the child while he was at work, and his mates there, with tact and rough kindness, did what they could to cheer him up.

HARD LOSS

BUT he took his loss hard and seemed to enclose himself in a kind of shell of misery that no kind word or gesture was able to penetrate.

One morning, shortly after he returned to his job, Eddie stole a wallet containing £3 he found in an empty room in the house where he and his mates were working.

A moment later, the wallet's owner, a workmate, missed it. "Seen my wallet?" he asked Eddie.

Eddie said no. The wallet's owner checked his pockets; he hunted through the empty room, then he called the foreman, who called all the workmen together and asked them to go through their pockets.

THE SEARCH

"WE'D better have a proper search," said the foreman, when this had been done, and no wallet had been found.

For a terrible moment Eddie thought the foreman was about to run through all the workmen's pockets.

But that was not his idea. "Get that light bulb down, someone," he said, "we'll fix it in the inspection lamp and have a good look round."

To reach the bulb, a ladder was needed. Eddie hastily volunteered to fetch it. He was a long time away; and when he came back with the steps, he no longer carried the wallet in his pocket.

The foreman and the loser found it some time later, under a pile of rubbish in the corner of the building where the ladder had been.

ARREST

THE police were called, and Eddie was arrested. "I never touched no wallet," he cried.

But when they asked him again at the police station, he said: "I picked it up by mistake with my two dimes. Then when the foreman said search through your pockets and I felt it there, I was too frightened to give it back in front of everyone."

Next morning, before Sir Laurence Dunn, the Chief Magistrate, Eddie pleaded guilty to stealing the wallet, which had been recovered with its contents intact.

The story was told, and Eddie himself went into the witness-box and said: "They was all going on about what a dirty trick it was, so I got confused. I did mean to give it back afterwards."

Eddie's father went into the box, and said: "He's always been a good boy, and he's had a most arduous loss."

"I'm sorry," said Sir Laurence, looking at Eddie. "But I don't believe you picked up the wallet by mistake. I think you succumbed to the temptation to take it."

OFFER OF HELP

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"I'm going to put you on probation. The probation officer will be able to help you get another job. He can help you with your troubles. He may be able to straighten you out."

Eddie, a fair-haired man, who despite a small moustache looks not much more than a boy, crept from the court, and Laurence's one had been kind, understanding, and had brought Eddie's tears very near.

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The Queen To Have A Ten-Day Holiday

London, May 5. Queen Elizabeth, faced with a formidable programme of state affairs for the next two months, is to take ten days' holiday at Balmoral Castle before her coronation.

The Queen will fly from London airport on Saturday afternoon to Dyce aerodrome, near Aberdeen, and continue the journey to her Scottish home by car.

The Duke of Edinburgh will join her at Balmoral later, and the young couple will enjoy a few days of informal life away from official engagements.

Tromping the moorland country, wearing the kilt, being waked by the sound of Scottish bagpipes, and smelling sweet scented summer flowers will provide the Queen with the tranquillity she needs for the programme awaiting her return.

The Queen will start her round of duties at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association luncheon at Westminster Hall on May 27. Next day she will hold a garden party at Buckingham Palace, and the following evening dance at the Coronation Ball held by the Household Cavalry at historic Hampton Court.

THE BIG DAY

On June 1, she will hold a Commonwealth reception and lunch. The next day is the big day—the coronation. She will broadcast to the Commonwealth after the ceremony and procession.

A look at the rest of her engagements shows how busy a Queen can be.

June 3 brings her state drive through northeast London—she will cover the West side next day—a State banquet and a presentation of medals.

Every day brings an official job for the Queen. On June 7 she will present new colours to the Grenadier Guards. Next day she will attend a gala opera performance and drive through southwest London.

On June 9 she will be at a service at St. Paul's Cathedral and will drive through southwest London.

The next four days in the newly-named Queen's life will include a visit to the borough of Windsor and Eton, the coronation naval review at Spithead, Eton College fireworks display and then three days of racing at Ascot.

On June 22 the Queen will start a three-day State visit to Scotland followed by States visits to Ireland and Wales, and on the 30th she will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace—Reuter.

Reds Must Talk Business

Tokyo, May 5. Lt.-Gen. William K. Harrison, chief United Nations truce negotiator, met with the Communists at 11 a.m. today amid speculation that he might recess the Panmunjom truce talks if the Reds continue to "evade" a selection of the neutral custodian for war prisoners unwilling to go home.

Harrison has issued three warnings that the renewed armistice negotiations can continue only if the Communists talk business. Monday's warning was the sharpest.

The UN chief negotiator was obviously disappointed yesterday when North Korean Gen. Nam Il ignored the nomination of Falcistia by the United Nations.—United Press.

Volcano Shows Restlessness

Manila, May 4. The Philippines Government volcanologists announced last night that the Hibok Hibok volcano on Camiguin Island in the Southern Philippines had been showing signs of activity marked by weak earthquakes, surface rumblings, two land-alikes, and increased emission of smoke.

The volcanologist said "intensification of the volcano's activity is due to the fact that Hibok Hibok is still very much alive and going through a cycle of activity."—Reuter.

Hongkong-made Dolls Admired



Among the most admired exhibits on the Hongkong stand at the BIF this year are Miss Ada Lum's colourful Chinese dolls. Top picture shows a visitor from India admiring the dolls on display. Opposite are Mr P. C. M. Sedgwick, Director of Commerce and Industry of the Hongkong BIF Committee, and Mr H. J. Collar, leader of the Colony's official delegation to the Fair. They were caught by the camera on the Hongkong stand at Ears Court.—London Express Photographs.



Important Eisenhower Conference

Washington, May 4. For the first time in the history of the United States the President held a foreign affairs conference today with 44 State and territorial Governors.

At the end of the first day of a two-day conference held behind closed doors in the utmost secrecy, it was announced that they had discussed "the overriding question of the peace and security of America."

Observers said it appeared that President Eisenhower gave his senior officials not only an uncensored view of the state of the world but also, in part at least, what the United States planned to do about it.

Listening to the first-hand report were the Governors of all the 48 States, except those from Florida, North Carolina, Alabama and Oklahoma—unable to attend because of illness or state business—and the Governors of Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands.

Mr James Hagerly, the President's Press Secretary, admitted under questioning that the Governors were not invited to Washington "for just a routine briefing."

The President's opening statement, released to reporters, referred to the Federal Government's responsibility for foreign affairs but added: "In times like ours, the danger to the world involves the civilian populations in the cities and towns and on the farms in our States."—Reuter.

A NEW SPIRIT OF HOPE

Washington, May 4. President Eisenhower said today the Egyptian Government of General Mohammed Naguib had brought about a new spirit of hope throughout the Middle East.

The President was replying to the remarks of the newly appointed Ambassador of Egypt, Dr. Ahmed Hussein, who presented his credentials today.—Reuter.

Taking Up University Post In September

Mr Edmund Charles Blunden, CBE, MC, MA, (Oxon), FRSL, Honorary Member of the Japan Academy, has accepted an appointment at Hongkong University and will be taking the Chair of English at the University in September this year.

Mr Blunden, who was Professor of English Literature at Tokyo University from 1924 to 1927 has recently relinquished his post on the Editorial Staff of the Times Literary Supplement.

He was awarded the Hawthorne Prize in 1922 and was Fellow and Tutor at Merton College, Oxford, 1931-1943.

POEM TO PRINCE

London, May 4. Prince Akihito of Japan received a welcome in verse tonight when he was guest of honour at a dinner given by the Japan Society in London.

It was specially composed by Mr Edmund Blunden, the 50-year-old English poet who was sent to Japan by the British Government in 1940 to interpret British culture to the Japanese.

An honorary member of the Japan Academy Mr Blunden greeted Prince Akihito with this verse:

"Prince, pilgrim, envoy dwell
Among us happily as in your own
Japan; you find those here who
Tell
Their love, with few words, but
Their love is known."
The six-verse welcome ended with this couplet:
"May all occasions greet and
bless
Your sojourn here to see our
young Queen crowned."
The Crown Prince spoke of the "great honour of attending as proxy to my father the forthcoming coronation of your gracious Queen."
He added:
"I am eagerly looking forward to that glorious event."—Reuter.

DECIDE TO STRIKE

Paris, May 5. Merchant navy officers at Marseilles decided to come out on strike at midnight tonight to back their claim for a 44-hour week.

The decision, which will mean tying up the great Mediterranean port in the same way as officers at Le Havre have already disrupted Atlantic traffic, was the first indication that the conciliation commission meeting here this evening had failed.

The commission, including representatives of officers and shipowners, was under the chairmanship of M. Jules Ramarony, the Minister for the Merchant Navy.

Le Havre is already tied up, and Rouen and Nantes are partially affected.

The French merchant navy officers struck last week at Le Havre for a 40-hour week.—Reuter.

DEBUTANTES PRESENTED

London, May 4. The Queen held her first presentation party of Coronation year in the white and gold state ballroom at Buckingham Palace today.

More than 450 debutantes curtsied before her as she sat on a dais with the Duke of Edinburgh at her side.—Reuter.

CZECH AMNESTY MAY APPLY TO Wm OATIS

London, May 5. The amnesty announced in Czechoslovakia yesterday focuses attention on the case of William N. Oatis, American press agency correspondent, who was gaoled by a Communist court in Prague in July 1951, on the charge that he was a spy.

Magistrate Defers Judgment

Decision was reserved until the scene of the traffic accident has been visited when the case of alleged careless driving against Mrs Irene Penn of 195 The Penk concluded before Mr Thomas Tam at Central this morning.

Mrs Penn was alleged to have driven her car carelessly on the afternoon of February 6 on Mount Kellett Road. She was represented by Mr H. Caine, Sub-Insp. J. Bonall prosecuted.

Chu Yiu-chong, a chauffeur, said that while driving along Mount Kellett Road at about 4 p.m. on February 6, Mrs Penn's car, emerging from a side road, collided with his vehicle, causing damage to his front mudguard. He added that the left headlamp of the defendant's car was smashed.

Under cross-examination, the witness admitted that he did not know that there was a crossroad, and that he did not slow down in time to avoid the accident. He also said that he was not familiar with the locality, never having been there previously. He stated that he had the right of way, being on the main road.

Judgment was deferred until Friday morning and the scene of the incident is to be visited by the Magistrate, the Prosecution and the Defence. However, the findings at the conclusion of the hearing this morning was that Mrs Penn emerged from a side road, and that the accident occurred on the main road.

Mail Notices

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Magistrate Defers Judgment

Oatis, the major foreign prisoner held by the Czechs, was sentenced to ten years, but the court ruled that half this sentence would be remitted in the event of "good behaviour."

The amnesty decreed by President Antonin Zapotocky frees immediately all persons serving sentences of less than 12 months and youths and pregnant women sentenced to no more than two years.

It also reduces sentences in certain specified cases, but it does not apply automatically to "saboteurs, spies" and some other categories of prisoners.

The decree, however, does provide that the cases of those sentenced for espionage, sabotage and certain other offences may be reviewed and reduction may be recommended.

This clause will enable the United States Government to make a fresh approach to the Czech Government, asking for a "review" of the sentence on Oatis and pressing for his release. He has been held in goal for almost two years.

The Oatis case has been the biggest bone of contention between Washington and Prague since 1951.

FRAME-UP VICTIM

In Washington and London, Oatis was considered the victim of framed charges, and his so-called "confession" in court was held as worthless as similar confessions in other Iron Curtain trials.

Washington argued that the Communists have a technique which will make any prisoner "confess" to anything. The State Department called the trial and conviction of Oatis "a ludicrous travesty of justice."

Whether the Czechs now will agree to free Oatis may provide a test of Communist sincerity in the current Kremlin "peace drive," observers here believe.

The Czech amnesty follows one announced by the new Malenkov Administration in Russia on March 28. But the Russian amnesty was far more sweeping. It freed all prisoners serving sentences of up to five years and halved sentences of over five years imposed for non-political offences providing they were not murder or "banditry."

Since first Rumania and then Czechoslovakia have followed the Russian example and announced amnesties, other satellites may possibly follow suit.

In the event of a Hungarian amnesty, the British Government would presumably press for a review of the sentence imposed on Biga Sanders, British busman, sentenced in Budapest in February 1950 to serve 13 years for "sabotage and espionage."—Reuter.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Mtg

At the annual meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., this morning, shareholders approved the payment of £11 per share dividend for 1952. They also approved the carrying forward to the next account of \$107,395, and payment of the staff bonus of 15 percent of basic salaries.

The Hon. John Keswick was in the chair and proposed the adoption of the report and statement of accounts. This was seconded by Mr H. R. Cleland.

Proposed by Mr M. H. Lo and seconded by Mr J. W. Bennett, the following were re-elected to the Consulting Committee:—the Hon. Sir Man-kam Lo, Messrs H. D. Benham, D. Black, D. Clague, W. Paterson and W. A. Stewart.

Messrs D. S. Robb and S. S. Gordon were reappointed auditors on the proposal of Mr D. Hung, seconded by Mr G. M. Mills.

Coronation Party

The Coronation Party to be held at Shek-O Country Club on Saturday, May 30, has now been fully booked and no further reservations can be made.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I'm glad you like your army job as bugler, George—any chance of you're re-enlisting when your time's up?"